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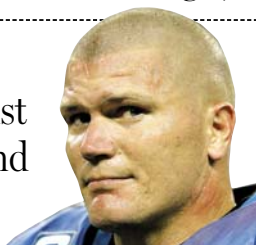
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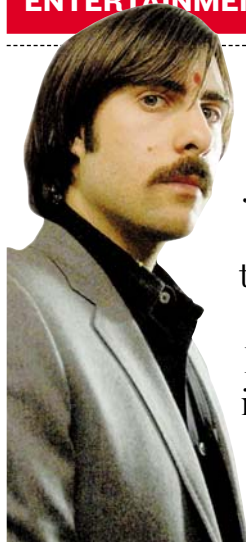
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3,200 Miners Pulled to Safety

RESCUED: Miners at the Elandsrand Gold mine near Johannesburg, South Africa, rejoice with family and friends after being lifted to safety on Thursday. The last of more than 3,200 miners were finally hauled to the surface more than 24 hours after an accident crippled one of the mine's elevators and trapped them at least a mile underground. ♣ **All safe:** No major injuries reported | **Page 7**

Legal Win For Music Industry

Minn. woman to pay \$220K in illegal file-sharing case

DULUTH, MINN. | The recording industry won a key fight Thursday against illegal music downloading when a federal jury found a Minnesota woman shared copyrighted music online and levied \$220,000 in damages against her.

The jury ordered Jammie Thomas, 30, to pay the six record companies that sued her \$9,250 for each of 24 songs they focused on in the case. They had alleged she shared 1,702 songs in all.

In the first such lawsuit to go to trial, the record companies accused Thomas of downloading the songs without permission and offering them online through a Kazaa file-sharing account. Thomas denied wrongdoing and testified that she didn't have a Kazaa account.

Record companies have filed some 26,000 lawsuits since 2003 over file-sharing, which has hurt sales because it allows people to get music free instead of paying for recordings in stores. Many other defendants have settled by paying the companies a few thousand dollars.

Copyright law sets a damage range of \$750 to \$30,000 per infringement, or up to \$150,000 if the violation was "willful." Jurors ruled that Thomas' infringement was willful but awarded damages in a middle range. (AP)



IS THE RECORDING INDUSTRY JUSTIFIED IN SUING INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE OVER FILE-SWAPPING? **A YES B NO**

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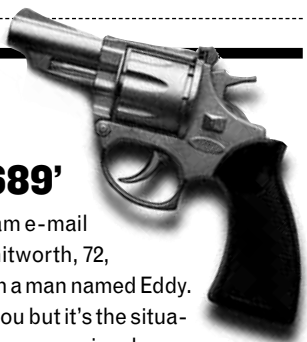
An Ocean County, N.J., man recently got a spam e-mail with a stereotypical Jersey twist. Harry E. Whitworth, 72, opened his e-mail Tuesday to find a screed from a man named Eddy. "I know that this may sound very surprising to you but it's the situation," the e-mail began. "I have been paid some ransom in advance to terminate you with some reasons listed to me by my employer." The price to call off the hit: \$8,000. The e-mail also warned him not to tell friends or relatives, since they might be part of the plot to kill, too. Yet there were no instructions on how to comply with the demand for cash, nor any timetable specifying when it had to be paid to avoid imminent death. (AP)

THAT OTHER AMENDMENT

Right to Good Grades Shall Not Be Infringed

A lawsuit filed against the University of Massachusetts at Amherst by a 51-year-old student who got a "C" instead of an "A-" in a political philosophy class has been dismissed, the Boston Globe

reported. Brian Marquis was furious when a teaching assistant graded the class on a curve; he says the school violated his civil rights and intentionally afflicted emotional distress, according to the paper. This past week, a district court judge tossed out the suit. Marquis said this week that he is considering an appeal. (EXPRESS)



FAKE MUSTACHES

'They'll Never See Past My Disguise!'

Sydney, Australia, customs officers discovered 293 grams of ecstasy tablets hidden inside a Mr. Potato Head toy sent to Australia from Ireland. When the officers removed a panel from the toy's back, they found the drugs in a plastic bag. "Whilst this is one of the more unusual concealments we have seen in recent times, people need to be aware that Customs officers are alert to unusual and often outlandish methods of concealment," said Customs Director Post Karen Williams. (AP)



OPTIONS

'Hell's Better Than St. Mary's Any Day'

A Crystal Lake, Ill., priest who received complaints from a parishioner on his answering machine played the tape in church, a lawsuit alleges, then asked the congregation: "Should we send him to hell or to another parish?" Angel Llavona, filed a defamation lawsuit Monday. The dispute started last fall, when Llavona left messages for the Rev. Luis Alfredo Rios complaining about a sermon. On Oct. 1, 2006, Rios played his messages, then "impuned Llavona's reputation as a teacher and a good Catholic," says the suit. (AP)

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FIRE AWAY: Sheriff's deputies in Rosemead, Calif., who mistook an exploding cigarette lighter for gunfire dived to the ground and called in reinforcements, shutting down a neighborhood for hours. The lighter belonged to a person stopped for loitering.

Nation

House Approves Bill to Prosecute U.S. Contractors

WASHINGTON | The House passed a bill Thursday that would make all private contractors working in Iraq and other combat zones subject to prosecution by U.S. courts. It was the first major response by Congress to a deadly shooting in Baghdad involving Blackwater USA security guards.

Democrats called the 389-30 vote an indictment of the shooting incident there that left at least 13 Iraqis dead. Senate Democratic leaders said they planned to follow suit with similar legislation and send a bill to President Bush.

In a statement issued Wednesday, the White House said the bill would have "unintended and intolerable consequences for crucial and necessary national security activities and operations." The statement did not explain further or give examples on how the bill would affect national security. (AP)

HEARSAY | POLITICS

"The truth is that right after 9/11, I had a pin. Shortly after 9/11 ... that became a substitute for, I think, true patriotism."

—SEN. BARACK OBAMA, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, EXPLAINING DURING AN INTERVIEW ON THURSDAY WHY HE NO LONGER WEARS AN AMERICAN FLAG LAPEL.

Craig Won't Resign Despite Ruling

Senator vows to finish term after losing bid to withdraw guilty plea

WASHINGTON | Idaho Sen. Larry Craig lost a bid Thursday to withdraw his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting but defiantly vowed to finish his Senate term, prolonging a headache for Republican leaders already facing a tough political climate.

Craig had announced plans to resign his seat by Sept. 30, but wavered when he went to court in hopes of withdrawing his plea. He issued a statement Thursday on staying in the Senate shortly after Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter relayed word that he had selected a replacement for Craig



Craig

in the event of a vacancy.

"I have seen that it is possible for me to work here effectively," Craig said in a written statement.

"I will continue my effort to clear my name in the Senate Ethics Committee — something that is not possible if I am not serving in the Senate," Craig said.

The bipartisan ethics panel has already signaled it is reviewing details of Craig's case, a step requested by Senate Republican

leaders. His decision to stay and fight raises the strong possibility of public hearings — almost certain to be televised — centered on the issue of gay sex.

"Senator Craig gave us his word" that he would resign by Sept. 30 if he could not overturn the guilty plea, said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., who chairs the GOP campaign committee overseeing next year's Senate elections. "I wish he would stick to his word." CHARLES BABINGTON (AP)

Democrats Demand Secret Memos

White House insists legal opinions did not reverse torture policy

WASHINGTON | House Democrats demanded Thursday to see two secret memos that reportedly authorize painful interrogation tactics against terror suspects — despite the Bush administration's insistence that it has not violated U.S. anti-torture laws.

White House and Justice Department press officers said legal opinions written in 2005 did not reverse an administration policy issued in 2004 that publicly renounced torture as "abhorrent."

House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., promised a congressional inquiry into the two Justice Department legal opinions that reported-



White House Press Secretary Dana Perino said the United States does not torture.

ly explicitly authorized the use of painful and psychological tactics on terrorism suspects.

The memos were disclosed in

Thursday's editions of The New York Times, which reported that the first 2005 legal opinion authorized the use of head slaps, freezing

temperatures and simulated drownings, known as waterboarding, while interrogating terror suspects, and was issued shortly after then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales took over the Justice Department.

That secret opinion came months after a December 2004 opinion in which the Justice Department publicly declared torture "abhorrent" and the administration seemed to back away from claiming authority for such practices.

A second Justice opinion was issued later in 2005, just as Congress was working on an anti-torture bill. That opinion declared that none of the CIA's interrogation practices would violate the rules in the legislation banning "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment of detainees, The Times said.

"This country does not torture," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino told reporters. "It is a policy of the United States that we do not torture, and we do not." (AP)

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Giuliani Leads GOP in Fundraising

Former N.Y.C. mayor edges out Romney by \$1M in third quarter

WASHINGTON | Front-running Republicans Rudy Giuliani and Mitt Romney outpaced the rest of the GOP presidential field in summer campaign fundraising, but newcomer Fred Thompson was hot on their heels.

Giuliani raised more than \$11 million for the presidential race in the July-September quarter, \$10.5 million of it available for the primaries. Romney raised \$10 million and tapped his personal fortune to pump in an additional \$8.5 million.

Thompson, the former Tennessee senator and "Law & Order" television actor, raised \$9.3 million in the quarter and attracted 80,000 donors.

Giuliani's income left him with \$16 million cash on hand, aides said Thursday. Of that, about \$12 million is available for the primaries. Romney had \$9 million on hand to



Republican presidential hopeful Rudy Giuliani shakes hands in Manchester, N.H. Giuliani has \$12 million available for his bid to win the GOP nomination in 2008.

compete for the Republican nomination. Thompson had \$7 million in the bank. All of Romney's and Thompson's money is available for the primaries.

Romney's personal contribution

nearly matched the amount he had invested in his campaign for the first six months of the year.

"Writing checks is always painful for me, no matter what it's for, but I nonetheless recognize this is a

PARTY SPLIT

→ The three top Republican candidates lag far behind the two Democratic Party money leaders — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sen. Barack Obama. Clinton has raised about \$63 million for the primary and about \$17 million for the general election. Obama has raised about \$75 million for the primary contest and about \$4 million for the general election.

critical race," Romney told reporters in Manchester, N.H., on Thursday. "There is nothing more important to me than the success of this nation, and I know a lot of people are sacrificing to help my campaign, and I will certainly be contributing in my own campaign."

John McCain, fighting to get back with the Republican front-runners, raised \$6 million in the past three months and has \$3.6 million cash on hand, his campaign said. JIM KUHNHEIN (AP)

Officer: Drop Murder Charges In Haditha Case

SAN DIEGO | An investigating officer has recommended that the Marine at the center of the biggest prosecution of U.S. troops in the Iraq war should not stand trial on murder charges, a defense attorney said Thursday.

Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich is charged with the unpremeditated murder of 17 Iraqis in Haditha



Wuterich

in 2005. Lt. Col. Paul Ware recommended that Wuterich be tried for the lesser offense of negligent homicide in the deaths of five children and two women, said Neal Puckett, Wuterich's attorney.

The final decision about whether Wuterich should stand trial rests with Lt. Gen. James Mattis. If he accepts the recommendation and a similar one for one of his corporals, no one will face murder charges in the case. (AP)

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—Russian President Vladimir Putin, marking the 50th anniversary of Sputnik Thursday.

World

S. Africa Miners Escape With Lives

Rescue efforts prevent casualties after 3,200 workers were trapped

CARLETONVILLE, SOUTH AFRICA | The last of 3,200 miners trapped for more than 24 hours in a deep mine were brought safely to the surface late Thursday, officials said, ending one of South Africa's biggest rescue operations.

The final workers emerged singing and dancing just before 9 p.m., according to a spokeswoman for the mine owner, Harmony Gold Mining Co. The miners became trapped after a pipe of pressurized air exploded and crashed into a shaft, cutting off electricity to the main elevator.

Despite the long ordeal, only one person was treated for dehydration, company spokeswoman Amelia Soares said. There were no other casualties. "We can only be grateful and satisfied that not one single life was lost," Soares said.

The rescue operation had dragged on for longer than initially expected. Some of those stranded more than a mile underground had gone down Tuesday for the night



ALIVE: Two of the miners who were trapped overnight smile as they are greeted Thursday near Carletonville, South Africa.

shift in the Elandsrand mine.

Joyful reunions were mixed with anger, fear and renewed concern about safety standards in a country that is the world's largest gold producer.

The trapped workers were brought to the surface in a second, smaller cage in another shaft that can hold about 75 miners at a time, about half the normal passenger capacity. Most of the miners who

emerged into the blinding sunlight earlier in the day looked dazed and exhausted. "We nearly died down there," one man yelled at reporters. "I'd rather leave [the job] than die in the mine." MICHELLE FAUL (AP)

In Brief



Demonstrators hold up a portrait of Aung San Suu Kyi in Kuala Lumpur.

YANGON, MYANMAR Junta Chief Sets Conditions To Meet Opposition Leader

Hoping to deflect outrage over images of soldiers gunning down protesters, Myanmar's hard-line leader announced Thursday he is willing to talk with detained democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi — but only if she stops calling for international sanctions. Senior Gen. Than Shwe also insists Suu Kyi give up urging her countrymen to confront the military regime, state television and radio said in reporting on the conditions set by the junta leader during a meeting this week with a special U.N. envoy. (AP)

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN Bhutto, Musharraf Close To Deal on Power-Sharing

Former Pakistani leader Benazir Bhutto said Thursday she was close to an agreement with President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on an amnesty deal she hoped would secure a peaceful transition from military to democratic rule. Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party has been engaged in power-sharing talks with Musharraf, who is expected to win a presidential election in parliament on Saturday. (AP)

DUBLIN, IRELAND Final Survivor of War for Independence Dies at 105

Dan Keating, an IRA member and the last surviving veteran of Ireland's 1919-21 war of independence from Britain, has died, his nursing home and fringe political party said. He was 105. (AP)

At Least 25 Die in Congo Plane Crash

Cargo aircraft slams into 3 homes in capital seconds after takeoff

KINSHASA, CONGO | In a thunderous blast, a cargo plane rammed into three homes in Congo's capital seconds after takeoff Thursday, killing at least 25 people and cutting a path of destruction through a poor neighborhood.

The crash underscored the dangers of flying in Congo, which has experienced more fatal air crashes than any other African country since 1945, according to the Aviation Safety Network. The turboprop belonged to the Congolese company Africa One, which had been barred from flying in the European Union because of safety concerns.

It was not immediately known what caused the Antonov 26



Volunteers pass a fire hose to firefighters near the crash site in Kinshasa, Congo.

to go down.

Citing police reports, U.N. peacekeeping spokesman Michel Bonnardeaux said 25 people were killed and two survived — a mechanic and a flight attendant

who was in critical condition. It was not immediately clear if all 25 people had been on board the plane. Transport Minister Remy Kuseyo said at least three people on the ground died. EDDY ISANGO (AP)

Iraqi Panel on Blackwater Eyes Trial for Guards

BAGHDAD | The official Iraqi investigation into the Blackwater shooting last month recommends that the security guards face trial in Iraqi courts and that the company compensate the victims, an Iraqi government minister told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The three-member panel, led by Defense Minister Abdul-Qader al-Obeidi, determined that Blackwater guards sprayed western Baghdad's Nisoor Square with gunfire Sept. 16 without provocation.

The panel also found that 13 Iraqis were killed, not 11 as earlier disclosed. A parallel but unofficial investigation by the Interior Ministry found that 17 Iraqis were killed and 24 wounded, a member of the Interior Ministry panel said. (AP)

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World

Korean Summit Ends on High Note

Both sides pledge to work toward ending the longtime standoff

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | South Korea's president expressed confidence North Korea will abandon its nuclear weapons after a summit with Kim Jong Il, where the two countries pledged Thursday to pursue peace and end their decades-long standoff across the world's last Cold War frontier.

They signed an accord promising a joint effort to implement previous agreements from six-nation arms talks "for the solution of the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula."

"Now that the highest leader of North Korea confirmed a clear commitment to the North's nuclear dismantlement, I don't see any



WARM WELCOME: South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun and his wife Kwon Yang-sook wave national flags after returning from the summit in North Korea Thursday.

problem in carrying it out," South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said after what was only the second summit ever between the two longtime foes.

Going further than ever before to scale back its nuclear ambitions, North Korea agreed earlier this week at arms talks with the U.S. and other regional powers to disable its main nuclear facilities and declare all its programs by the end of the year.

On Thursday, the Koreans said they also "agreed to closely cooperate to end military hostility and ensure peace and easing of tension on the Korean peninsula."

But reunification of the peninsula would still remain a distant goal, unlikely to be achieved unless Kim were willing to release his grip on power. BURT HERMAN (AP)

Pinochet Widow, Children Charged With Corruption

SANTIAGO, CHILE | The widow and five children of Gen. Augusto Pinochet were among 23 people indicted Thursday on charges of corruption related to the dictator's U.S. bank accounts, a judge said. Most of the suspects, including widow Lucia Hiriart and Pinochet's grown children, have already been arrested, police director Arturo Herrera said.

Hiriart entered the Santiago Military hospital after suffering a rise in blood pressure and requested to remain under arrest there, said family lawyer Pablo Rodriguez. He said the indictments and detentions would be appealed. "I am astonished by this illegal and abusive decision by the judge, and I am sure that it will be reversed by the Court of Appeals," he said. (AP)



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Money



MILLIONS TO ONE: A rare \$10 gold coin made for President Andrew Jackson to give as a diplomatic gift during trade missions to Asia was purchased Thursday by a private collector for \$5 million. The Eagle coin is one of only four known to still exist.

Non-English Web Addresses Tested

Internet domains in other languages may be available by 2008

NEW YORK | Sample Web addresses in nearly a dozen languages will be added to the Internet's central directories as early as next week, paving the way for Web surfers around the world to get online without knowing any English.

The 11 domain names are meant primarily for software developers and Web site designers to test the new system, but they are the first non-English domain names entered in the directories after years of discussions and limited-access tests.

If the global tests go well, non-

English domain names could be in use by the end of 2008.

Users outside the United States long have clamored for non-English domain-name scripts, finding restrictive the current limitation to the letters a through z, the numbers 0 through 9 and the hyphen.

It is sometimes possible to create addresses in foreign languages, but the suffix — the “.com” part of an address — must use English characters. So the current tests involve non-English suffixes.

The 11 suffixes now under review will read “test” in Arabic, Persian, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Greek, Korean, Yiddish, Japanese and Tamil.

ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
APT Sat	3.63	+1.43	+65.0
Levitt	2.91	+.53	+22.3
Luminent	2.87	+.45	+18.6
C&D Tch	5.27	+.50	+10.5
Aventine	9.85	+.73	+8.0
Losers			
DresserR	39.00	-4.48	-10.3
BenchElec	21.56	-2.36	-9.9
BeazrHm If	9.40	-.84	-8.2
Aegean n	35.01	-2.97	-7.8
USEC	9.00	-.71	-7.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers			
STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NatHlItTrn	4.65	+2.50	+116.3
HollisEden	2.54	+.50	+24.5
Cardica	11.12	+1.87	+20.2
CleanDsl n	17.30	+2.80	+19.3
Iomai	1.91	+.06	+3.0
Losers			
NutriSys	31.59	-15.98	-33.6
WirRonin n	4.70	-1.24	-20.9
IsilonSys n	5.66	-1.34	-19.1
WetSeal	3.25	-.74	-18.5
e-Future n	26.40	-5.20	-16.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4908	.4921	.5301
Canadian Dollar	.9971	.9974	1.1263
European Euro	.7084	.7088	.7866
Japanese Yen	116.51	116.70	117.89
Mexican Peso	10.8860	10.9052	11.0338
Taiwanese Dollar	32.70	32.68	33.11

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+6.26	+4.14	+3.25
+0.04	+0.15	+0.21
13974.31	2733.57	1542.84

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	55.54	+.01	+14.0
Allergan s	66.52	+1.00	+11.1
AstraZen	52.30	+1.18	-2.3
BarrPhm	55.92	-.24	+11.6
BrMySq	29.74	...	+14.2
Cephln	75.89	+1.14	+7.8
ForestLab	39.75	+1.35	-21.4
Hospira	41.44	+1.10	+23.4
JohnJn	66.11	+.01	+1
LillyEli	58.96	+.08	+13.2
Merck	52.86	+.71	+21.2
Pfizer	25.30	+.22	-2.3
SchergPl	32.53	-.08	+37.6
WarnerChil	18.58	+.41	+34.4
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Local

Md. Official Opposes Slots

Comptroller says state doesn't need gambling to close its budget gap

Comptroller Peter Franchot stepped up his campaign Thursday to derail the legalization of slot-machine gambling in Maryland, a key component of Gov. Martin O'Malley's plan to bridge a \$1.7 billion budget shortfall.

Franchot, a former delegate from Montgomery County, used a pair of appearances in Silver Spring and Baltimore to urge his former colleagues in the General Assembly to

reject O'Malley's proposal to generate up to \$550 million a year for the state from slots.

"We can meet this challenge without slots," Franchot said. "We should not build our future economy on expanded gambling."



Franchot

Though his position is hardly new, Franchot's outspoken opposition comes as O'Malley, a fellow Democrat, is struggling to build support for slots before a special ses-

sion that he has said he would like to convene by early next month.

Wednesday, Senate Republicans announced they would provide no votes for slots in a special session — making the odds of passage longer in the legislative chamber that has been most receptive to gambling initiatives in recent years.

"This is a difference on an issue, not whether I like him or I support him," Franchot, one of four Maryland officeholders elected statewide, said of O'Malley. "On both, I do. Let's be honest: There's no such thing as limited slots."

JOHN WAGNER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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RICKY CARLTON/TWP

BLESSED BASSETS: The Rev. Canon Christiana Olsen of the Washington National Cathedral blesses pointer basset mixes Neo, left, and Noodles at the Washington Animal Rescue League in Northwest on Thursday. The rites marked the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

Baltimore Passes on Ramsey

Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon selected acting Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III for the department's top job over former D.C. police chief Charles H. Ramsey, she announced Thursday.

Bealefeld, a 26-year veteran of the department, takes over at time when the city's homicides are spiraling upward — 231 so far this year, an increase of 8 percent over this time last year.

Ramsey, who stepped down as the District's police chief at the end of last year, said he was disappointed. "They've got a lot of problems up there," Ramsey said. "Time will tell whether they can put a dent in it. I hope they do."

ALLISON KLEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Oct. 4

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	4-6-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	1-5-6
Mid-day DC 4	5-3-9-5
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-6-6-0
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	12-19-23-29-31
Daily 6 (Wed.)	6-12-18-19-24-30 Bonus: 38
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	8-10-18-29-32 (2)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	1-6-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4	7-0-4-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-5-1-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	1-7-13-17-34 Bonus: 5
Lotto (Wed.)	13-18-25-27-37-42

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	5-9-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	3-3-1-9

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-5-1-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-3-9-18-31
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	11-15-18-19-32
Win for Life (Wed.)	3-17-19-32-35-38

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	2-4-14-15-28 (23)
Power Play	4X

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→ Talking 'Death'



Brad Garrett, Ray Romano's sitcom brother, talks to us about producing and starring in "Til Death." **TV WEEK**

→ That's the Ticket

Area theater companies are finding ways to offer the young and less affluent discounted tickets to build audiences for the future. **STYLE & ARTS**

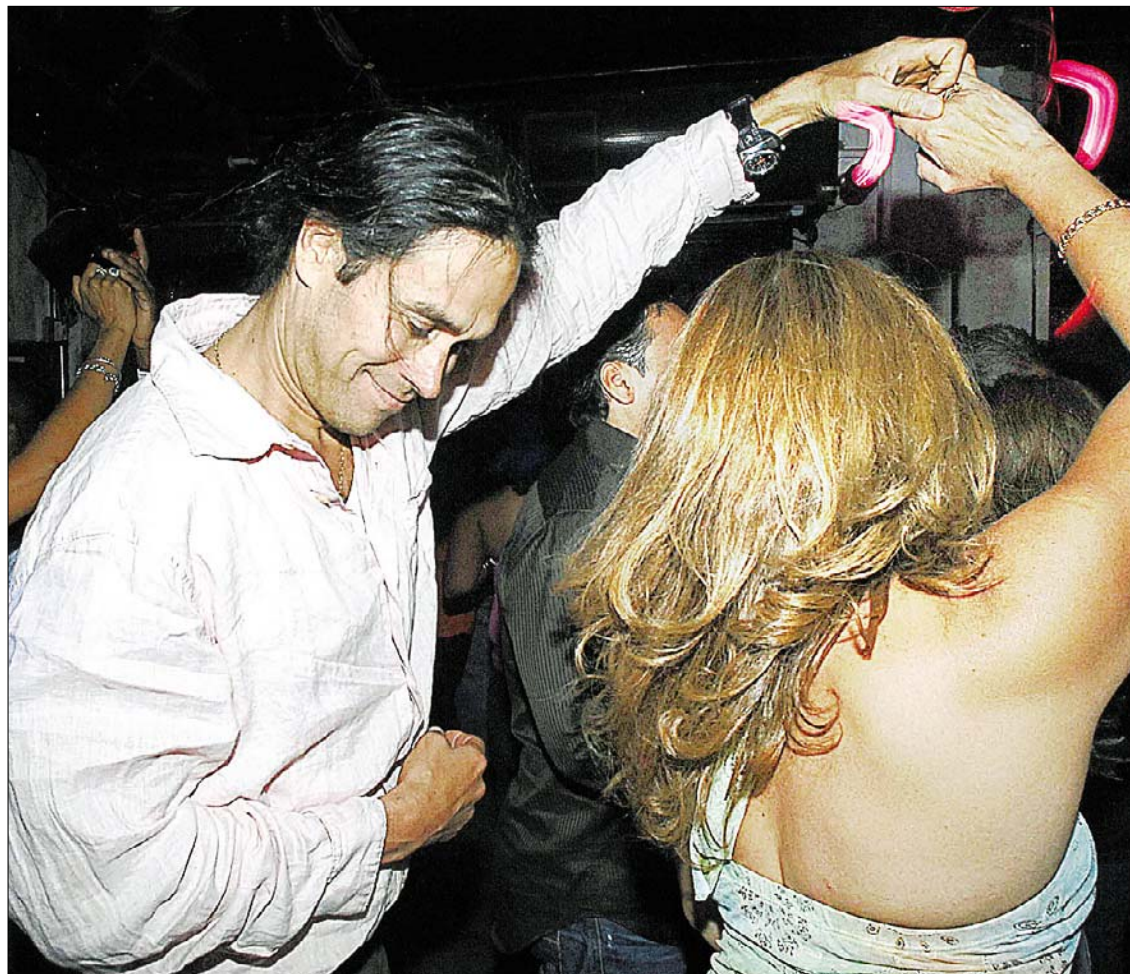


→ Busker-Do

We profile five veteran D.C. buskers, the street musicians who bring melodies to Metro stops and downtown corners. **SUNDAY SOURCE**

→ Historian's History

Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. dishes on some of the most important figures of the past half-century in newly published journals. **BOOK WORLD**



LEAD ON: Salsa dancers at Hairo's Night Club in Jackson Heights, Queens, move with the music. Queens is a hotbed of salsa.

Salsa With a Kick

A New Yorker learns to stay in Queens for a hot night of dancing

IN TRAVEL | When it comes to salsa dancing, I've got a bit of Manhattan Guy in me. Maybe you remember him from "Sex and the City." Miranda dumps him after she discovers that he hasn't left the island of Manhattan for 10 years. What, he insists, could possibly exist beyond the bridges and tunnels?

When I'm not traveling, I call Queens home, but I suffer from a mild case of borough-envy. Every weekend I cheat on my neighborhood, abandoning Queens for Manhattan's smooth salsa.

Wouldn't you? Manhattan is unquestionably the best place in America for Latin jazz — perhaps the best in the world. And nowhere in the Big Apple can top the famous

Copacabana. It's been featured in such Hollywood hits as "Goodfellas," "Tootsie" and "Raging Bull," and a Barry Manilow's song. On a recent visit, I soon found my perfect match, a 29-year-old American doctor in the first year of her residency. As Puerto Rico's top bands crooned, it felt like destiny. But I soon discovered it was fatigue. This gal had melted into my lead not out of passion but exhaustion after a 25-hour shift. With a yawn, she waved goodnight.

That's when I had my first doubts about Manhattan salsa. When that overworked MD fell asleep on the dance floor, I knew there was something missing at Copas. They call it la joda in Bolivia; in Colombia, la rumba. La joda is alert play, floating on an undercurrent of that fatalist ethos popularized by Gabriel García Márquez: We're alive only briefly, so let's enjoy.



Why venture into Manhattan when there's salsa to be had in Queens, N.Y.?

A few days later the obvious hit me: I live in Queens! The borough is home to a quarter of a million

Latinos. Going into Manhattan for salsa is like living in Italy but crossing into France for a cannoli.

On Roosevelt Avenue at 11 on a Saturday night, my dozen trips through Latin America hit me all at once. Street vendors offered Salvadoran pupusas, Colombian arepas and Mexican chimichangas. In Ecuadorian, Peruvian and Argentinean restaurants, people spoke Spanish in speedy Caribbean, curt Andean and lispy gaucho dialects.

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SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

Details on the New York salsa scene, including club locations and web sites. Plus, find a cruise that begins within driving distance of Washington.

IN The Washington Post

The narrow, mirrored joint was filled with a hundred or so people dancing to the freshest of Latin jazz. I felt a certain tingle in my spine — a sign of la joda in the making — downed my cuba and ordered another.

People gathered around, talking with me, curious. The man next to me, Juan, was from Bogota but had been working for 20 years in a midtown Manhattan restaurant. He invited me to eat there some time and then turned to introduce me to his co-worker, a stunning 24-year-old from Medellin with almond-shaped eyes and long black hair. "Dance with her," he said.

I did, and the instant I sat down afterward I felt a hand on my shoulder. I turned to see a barrel-chested woman in her mid-30s still breathing heavily from the last dance. "Bailamos!" she exclaimed, with a wonderful smile. "Let's dance!"

The energy built as more folks packed in. More cuba libres. Lots of laughter. Everyone was out for la joda. My new friends and I danced until 4.

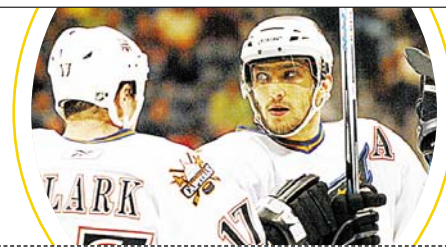
Finally, exhausted, I collapsed into a taxi and said to the cabdriver: "A la calle ochentaitres."

Would I give up the splendor of Manhattan's salsa for Queens? Not on your life. But whenever my soul aches for la joda, I don't have to leave home. It's right here in Queens. **WILLIAM POWERS (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Weekend ^{Sports}

CAPITALS

Chase After the Cup: As the puck drops tonight on the NHL season, the Caps will play like they have something to prove. | 16



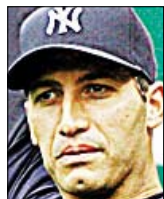
TV Lineup



Tim Tebow couldn't lead the Gators' comeback last week against Auburn.

→ **FIRST TEST:** The nation's new No. 1 team, LSU, will have a serious challenge on its hands when it hosts Tim Tebow and his No. 9 Gators in Baton Rouge (Sat. 8 p.m. on CBS).

→ **OCTOBERFEST:** Even though Ted Turner's Braves couldn't make the postseason, his media outlets sure did. Playoff division series continue all weekend on TBS. Game 2 of the Yankees-Indians series should



Pettitte

be a gem, with Andy Pettitte and Fausto Carmona taking the hill on Friday (5 p.m. on TBS). The Phillies owe their play-off spot to Jamie Moyer, but the Rockies will call on Ubaldo Jimenez, 22 years younger than Moyer, to stop the grizzled veteran in his tracks on Saturday (9:30 on TBS).

→ **GANGS OF NEW YORK:** Who has the homefield advantage when the Jets and the Giants go head to head this Sunday (1 p.m. on CBS)?

→ **SOCCER STARS:** D.C. will have to put up a united front to disprove the idea that "nobody beats the Wiz," when the team heads to Kansas City on Friday (8 p.m. on CSN+).

→ **LET'S GET IT STARTED:** The Capitals start their season on the road in Atlanta on Friday (7:30 p.m. on Comcast). Then, they return to D.C. for the home opener on Saturday (7 p.m. on Comcast).

Run for Cover

Redskins' D must use its speed to keep up with Detroit's offense

REDSKINS | The Redskins couldn't cover a book last season.

So it couldn't have been much of a surprise to cornerback Carlos Rogers when a throng of reporters surrounded his locker earlier this week asking how Washington was going to contain Detroit's high-powered passing attack.

"I'd tell the coach I'd rather be man-to-man," said Rogers, who gave up a game-winning touchdown to Plaxico Burress in the week 3 loss to the Giants. "So far, I've been playing pretty good just man-to-man. I'd rather just match up and go get it and see

Three Burning QUESTIONS

1 Is everyone catching on?

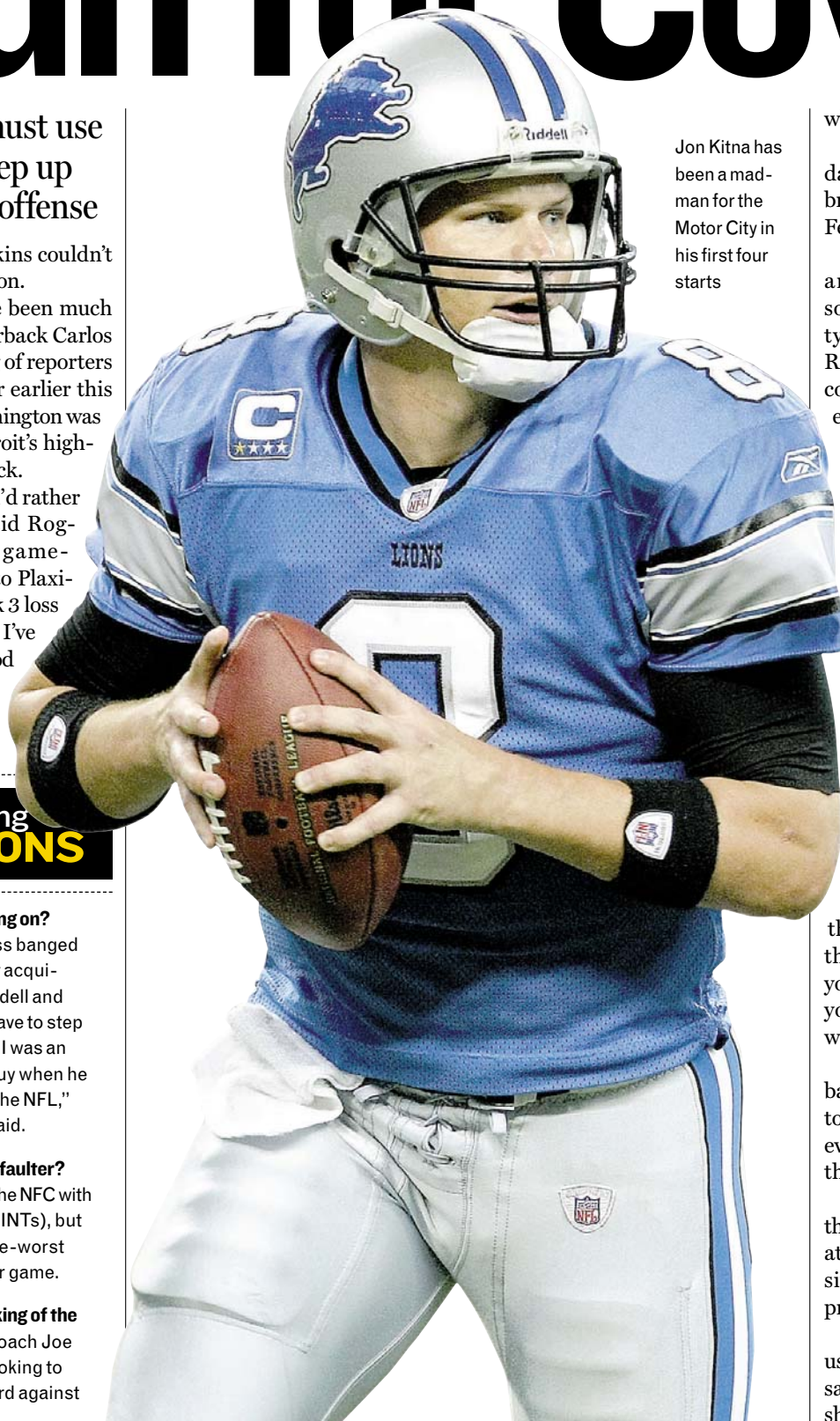
With Santana Moss banged up, recent receiver acquisitions Keenan McCardell and Reche Caldwell may have to step up. "I told [McCardell] I was an elementary [school] guy when he was in his first year in the NFL," QB Jason Campbell said.

2 Will Detroit's D falter?

The Lions lead the NFC with 13 takeaways (9 INTs), but also allow a conference-worst 267.5 passing yards per game.

3 Who's the real king of the jungle?

Head coach Joe Gibbs will be looking to extend his career record against the Lions to 10-0.



Jon Kitna has been a mad-man for the Motor City in his first four starts

what they do."

He'll get plenty of chances Sunday, when surprising Detroit (3-1) brings its multi-receiver attack to FedEx Field.

An injury to Shawn Springs and the lack of a solid second safety in 2006 meant Rogers was left to cover No. 1 receivers by himself. The depleted defense yielded an NFC-high 97.8 rating for opposing quarterbacks while intercepting a conference-low six passes.

Washington brought back veteran corner Fred Smoot, who along with Springs, should play Sunday. Their mission will be to stop NFL passing-yardage leader Jon Kitna (1,227 yards, 8 TD, 4 INT).

"As a corner, you should invite that challenge," Springs said. "In this league, you get to see where you are every Sunday. Hopefully, you have more better days than worse days."

"We attack every area of the football field," Kitna said. "We're going to make the defense have to defend every inch of that 53 yards wide and that 100 yards long."

Rogers said the key to disrupting the Lions will be jamming receivers at the line so the Redskins' defensive front has a chance to apply pressure.

"It's going to be a challenge for us," linebacker Marcus Washington said. "We've got to have our track shoes on." ERIC BRANDNER



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Sunday



NBA | Other Option Was Ron Artest Team captains are grizzled veterans who have been around the block once or twice. Stephen Jackson has been around the wrong block about 718 times, but that didn't stop the Warriors from naming him one of the teams three captains on Thursday. Their fearless leader will miss the first seven games of the season due to a suspension because of a shooting incident last year. "Cap" also got ejected from not one, but two playoff games last season. At least his moonlighting gig of boxing NBA fans during games is behind him...

What to Watch For

WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL:

Ladell Betts vs. Ernie Sims



We know you've probably never heard of linebacker Ernie Sims — or anyone on the Lions' defense for that matter. They try to stay under the radar, usually by not playing much defense. But Sims leads his team with 36 tackles (the fifth-best total in the NFL), and the Lions actually excel at creating turnovers, leading the league with 13 through four games. Ladell Betts, frankly, has been disappointing to start the year, splitting carries with Clinton

Portis, who may not play because of knee problems. The running back who averaged 72.1 yards per game last year is down to 27.3 this season, and his yards per carry is a paltry 2.7 yards. The Redskins running game has looked solid some games and has really struggled in others. It will need to look good to keep Jon Kitna off the field.



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WHEN THE LIONS HAVE THE BALL:

Roy Williams vs. Shawn Springs

This comes as no surprise. The Lions have the best passing attack in the country, and Roy Williams is the best wide receiver on a team that seems to always draft top wide receivers. His 388 receiving yards this season trail just Randy Moss and Chad Johnson, and he's caught three touchdowns. The Redskins' pass defense struggled during the second half of the Giants game two weeks ago, but it has yet to give up a pass play of more than 40 yards and has only allowed seven pass plays longer than 20 yards (fourth best in the league). Can they shut down the Jon Kitna-to-Williams connection?

X-Factors

→ **Keith Smith** is listed as the Lions' third cornerback, but the fourth-year pro from McNeese State showed last week that he can be a game-changer. He picked off Brian Griese during the fourth quarter of the Lions win over the Bears and returned the interception 64 yards for a touchdown. Smith has two picks this season, leading a Detroit team that is tops in the league with nine interceptions. Of course, they have played the Bears and the Vikings, two teams that seemingly try to cough up the ball.

→ **Rock Cartwright** hasn't broken a kick return for a touchdown yet this season and his 26.7 yards per return average puts him in the middle of the pack. But he's been remarkably consistent, returning nine of his 12 kicks farther than 20 yards. Two weeks ago against the Giants, he had three kickoff returns more than 35 yards, giving the Redskins great field position to start drives — if only they could have done something with it. IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

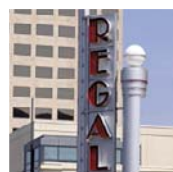
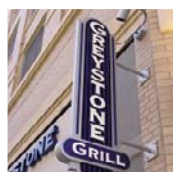
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BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | BY MATT SWENSON

Logic Plays No Role in Playoffs

LOGICALLY SPEAKING, the Colorado Rockies should be the favorites to win the World Series.

Having won 14 of its last 15 regular season games just to reach the postseason, Colorado is playing better than anyone at this point.

Too bad Vulcans don't even know what baseball is. Logic doesn't count in October.

Just look at the past two years. The Chicago White Sox nearly blew a 15-game lead to the Cleveland Indians before regaining their early-season form to win the World Series.

Last year, the Tigers almost duplicated their AL Central rivals by rebounding from a late swoon to reach the World Series. Then, they

If winning the World Series is about pitching, maybe the Indians are the best bet.

met a team that took an even bigger nosedive: the St. Louis Cardinals, the most improbable of champions after an 83-win season.

By that logic, perhaps we should make the Red Sox the favorites this year. Boston jumped out to the best record in baseball early in the season and held off the charging New York Yankees to win the AL East.

It's true the Red Sox have the game's best pitcher, Josh Beckett, but does Curt Schilling still have a bloody sock up his sleeve?

If winning the World Series is about pitching, as we think it is, maybe the Indians are the best bet with C.C. Sabathia and Fausto Carmona at the top of their rotation.

So who will win it all? The Chicago Cubs. Given their history, it's the most illogical of picks. Then again, that may make the Cubs the most likely victors of all.

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Capitals' Steps Start Small

With their foundation in place, Caps want to start winning more

CAPITALS | Despite the maturing core, the free agent splash and a real sense of optimism surrounding the club for the first time in years, the North American media doesn't seem to think too much of the Washington Capitals' prospects this season, which begins Friday night in Atlanta against the Thrashers.

A quick survey of preseason predictions reveals that major Canadian networks TSN and CBC rank Washington 25th and 26th, respectively, in the 30-team NHL. State-side, Sports Illustrated pegs the club at 13th in the 15-team Eastern Conference, while two of three ESPN prognosticators figure the Caps will miss the playoffs yet again.

That's not to say there won't be any pressure inside the Verizon Center locker room. Regardless of outsiders' views, the Capitals seem to believe that after two seasons of post-lockout frustration, the club is ready for playoff hockey.

"Definitely higher expectations, and we put that on ourselves," captain Chris Clark said. "On paper, we're a great team, and we want to be a great team. Nobody wants

NEW CAPITALS IN THOSE NEW SWEATERS

#19 Nicklas Backstrom

The fourth overall pick in the 2006 NHL draft should make his NHL debut Friday night and is regarded as Ovechkin's future partner.

#92 Michael Nylander

Having played for the Caps five years ago, the Swede returns as an established playmaker looking to help Ovechkin reach new heights. Nylander had 113 assists over the past two seasons.



#3 Tom Poti

The Massachusetts native and former Islander led his club in ice time last season and will be key to igniting the Caps' moribund power play. His 32 points with the extra man were 11th among NHL defensemen.

#25 Viktor Kozlov

The Russian-born center scored a career-high 25 goals last year with the New York Islanders.



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to be underachievers. We're going to go out and show everybody that we're a playoff team."

Coach Glen Hanlon said his club already is well suited to playing under pressure, knowing over the past two seasons that anything less than maximum effort would result in a "huge opportunity there for embarrassment."

Now, with the addition of free agent forwards Michael Nylander and Viktor Kozlov, veteran defenseman Tom Poti and last year's top pick Nicklas Backstrom, the Caps believe they have acquired the experience, playmaking and depth to complement the scoring of Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin.

"Even though we have not been successful in terms of playoffs and points, we really feel we've laid a foundation," Hanlon said. "The goal has always been to make the playoffs, and we feel this year the pieces are in place to make it a little more realistic."

Washington will start the season quickly, opening its home schedule Saturday evening against the Carolina Hurricanes then heading north for a Monday afternoon game at the New York Islanders. BRIAN STRAUS

For United, Time to Refocus on MLS

With the playoffs on the horizon, D.C. can't afford another letdown

UNITED | For the fourth time this year, D.C. United will have about three days to get over its elimination from a significant competition and refocus on its MLS schedule.

Friday's task in Kansas City eerily mirrors the first, when D.C. fell to Chivas Guadalajara in the CONCACAF Champions Cup before heading north to Colorado, where it lost the first of three straight to open the MLS season.

Chivas victimized United again on Tuesday, knocking it out of the Copa Sudamericana with a 1-0 win

in Mexico. Now, with three games left in the regular season and the Supporters Shield and accompanying 2008 Champions Cup berth within reach, D.C. (16-6-5) can't afford another letdown.

Defender Greg Vanney, who was on that Rapids team that beat United six months ago, doesn't think it'll happen.

"I don't really see a hangover or despair or anything like that. At the beginning of the season, you're still kind of going through preseason, haven't really found your form," he said. "There's a lot at stake now. It's easy to get refocused on the league."

In fact, the Chivas defeat may even offer some benefits, in addition



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Defender Greg Vanney said extra tournaments help, even when the team loses.

tion to being spared a 12-hour flight to Buenos Aires next week. The noticeable lift in intensity in this summer's SuperLiga appeared to boost United, which entered that competition on a 0-2-1 slide but is 7-0-2 in MLS since.

"Whether you win or lose, if you're a cerebral player, you learn something from those types of games. You can't duplicate that experience in MLS. They make you a better player, force you to solve a lot of problems in order to survive," Vanney said. "We feel a little bit of disappointment, but I think we realized we're a good team and if we play like that we're capable of beating anyone."

BRIAN STRAUS

Fall Guy: Ortiz Dominates

'Big Papi' continues to hit the ball far during key playoff situations

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | The Los Angeles Angels were there for the birth of Big Papi, when David Ortiz went from a mere MVP candidate to the walkoff wonder who made the playoffs his personal playground.

The Red Sox DH homered to eliminate the Angels from the 2004 postseason, later finishing off the Yankees twice on the same calendar day on the way to Boston's first World Series title in 86 years. Over the next two seasons, he hit

101 home runs with 285 RBI.

Though his power numbers suffered this season as Ortiz fought off a sore knee and shoulder, he set career highs with a .332 average and 52 doubles. After a single and a homer in Boston's 4-0 victory over Los Angeles in game 1 on Wednesday night, Ortiz is proving that his postseason prowess never left him.

And that can't be good for the Angels.

"David is clutch during the year; he's clutch in the postseason. But this is where he thrives a bit," said Red Sox first baseman Kevin Youkilis, who also homered in game 1.

"We're excited just to have him going on all cylinders right now because that makes for a great October."

Ortiz has nine postseason homers in all and in 18 playoff games since 2004 he is batting .400, with seven homers and 22 RBI in 18 games.

The Angels don't feel like Ortiz is an extra threat under pressure, though.

They feel like he's a threat every at-bat of the year.

"He's had a pretty terrific season," Los Angeles manager Mike

David Ortiz has definitely earned his reputation for being lethal in autumn.



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Scioscia said before the off-day workout on Thursday. "To say he just rises to the occasion ... I think he performs well in any situation. So as far as a clutch hitter late in the game, you're not going to see many guys better than David."

But this year, the mere scent of the playoffs seemed to get Ortiz going.

He batted .441 in the last 19 games of the season and .552 with four homers and 10 RBI in the eight games leading up to October. When the big DH was asked if things were beginning to come around for him after fighting off the injuries most of the year, Varitek interrupted.

"David, I'll answer for you," he said before the regular-season finale. "You came around for us all year."

JIMMY GOLEN (AP)

Rockies Roll Over Phillies

Philadelphia can't seem to muster much of a fight against Colorado

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | Home or away, these Colorado Rockies are on quite a roll.

Kaz Matsui hit his first career grand slam and drove in five runs, leading the Rockies over the Philadelphia Phillies 10-5 Thursday for a 2-0 lead in their NL playoff series.

At this rate, the best-of-five series may not get that far. Rookie Ubaldo Jimenez will try to pitch Colorado to a sweep Saturday night at Coors Field against veteran Jamie Moyer.

Making just the second postseason appearance in the franchise's 15-year history, Colorado is on the verge of going to its first NL championship series. The wild-card Rockies posted their eighth straight road victory, and have won 16 of 17 overall.

Matsui fell a single short of the cycle, and Troy Tulowitzki and Matt Holliday homered on consecutive pitches in the first inning off Kendrick, who got a quick hook from manager Charlie Manuel.

Colorado closer Manny Corpas came in in the ninth and retired Carlos Ruiz on a bouncer to third. Corpas worked around a pair of two-out

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		Rockies 4, Phillies 2	Rockies 10, Phillies 5	Oct. 6 9:30 p.m.	Oct. 7 10 p.m.	Oct. 9 6:30 p.m.
 	CHICAGO VS ARIZONA	1	2	3	4	5
		Dbacks 3, Cubs 1	Oct. 4 Late game	Oct. 6 6 p.m.	Oct. 7 1 p.m.	Oct. 9 10 p.m.
 	BOSTON VS LOS ANGELES	1	2	3	4	5
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		Oct. 4 Late Game	Oct. 5 5 p.m.	Oct. 7 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 8 6 p.m.	Oct. 10 5 p.m.

singles in a scoreless ninth for his second save in as many days.

Before the game, Corpas came under scrutiny because he was caught by TBS cameras on Wednesday taking a sip of a liquid out of a cup in the bullpen, then pouring some down the back of his neck and all over the front of his jersey. He was seen patting his chest and rubbing his fingers before throwing a pitch, but didn't appear to do anything shady in this appearance.

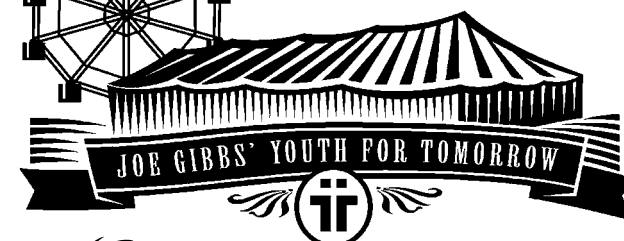
It's been downhill for the Phillies since they followed a wild celebration Sunday with a pep rally at City Hall the next day.

A total of 45,991 came out, waved their rally towels and cheered wildly despite the score — somewhat out of character for the notoriously tough Philly boobirds. ROB MAADDI (AP)

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Chris Turner, right, brings humor and candor to both the huddle and his interviews.

QB Takes Turn In the Spotlight

Terps' Turner brings candor to the huddle and to his interviews

TERPS FOOTBALL | In the first week of the season, Chris Turner stood in the team house with media members and his teammates buzzing about. He'd just been named Maryland's backup quarterback and answered a couple of quick questions from a reporter.

"I've never had to do interviews before," Turner pointed out.

On Wednesday, after Turner replaced starter Jordan Steffy and led the Terrapins to victory over No. 10 Rutgers, he had a few more questions to answer.

Surrounded by reporters thrusting microphones and tape recorders in his face, Turner dutifully answered the questions — about football and, well, other things.

Yes, his father, John, was the original drummer in the '80s hair-metal band Ratt.

No, he doesn't share his dad's passion for organic food.

Oh, and the hair? He's had a few hairstyles during his time at College Park. There was the military-style crew cut, the dreadlocks and of course the tight, curly Afro-style do he's sporting these days.

And no, he doesn't know whether he'll start this week. Steffy still is recovering from a concussion and coach Ralph Friedgen is in no hurry to announce his plans.

One of the main challenges Turn-

YOU DECIDE

Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen has been noncommittal about his QB this week. Here's a look at what he's said about each:

→ Before Tuesday's practice:

"Jordan [Steffy] is improving. He's questionable. I'm hoping he'll be ready to play Saturday."

→ Wednesday after practice:

"[Steffy] did OK. It's slow, but he's progressing. He's still questionable."

→ Wednesday after practice:

"[Turner] hasn't done everything perfectly, but he's really shown me some things."

→ Wednesday after practice:

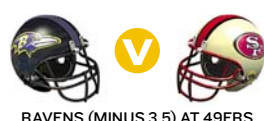
"It's kind of a joy when you see that a guy has progressed, and I'm just hoping that [Turner] will continue to do that in games."

er would face this week is countering a blitz-happy defense masterminded by George Tech defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta.

"They look awesome on film," Turner said. "They're fast, they're athletic. You've got to be sharp. ... They disguise their blitzes so well."

Just as Turner handled the media with humor and honesty, his teammates said he handled the huddle in much the same manner. And he opened up a passing dimension that was not present with Steffy.

"I feel the team rallying around me," Turner said. "It's fun. It feels good having you guys asking me silly questions." **DEREK TURNER**

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The Lions have never won a game in Washington.**LIONS**
If Manning to Burrell was difficult to defend, just wait until this week.**REDSKINS**
They're coming off a bye, and they'll be rested.**REDSKINS**
Since 1968, the Redskins are 20-2 against the Lions.**GIANTS**
Chad Pennington may not finish the game if the Giants play like last week.**GIANTS**
After losing to two good teams, G-men have shown they can beat mediocre clubs.**GIANTS**
They started 0-2, but they've won two in a row. They're on a roll.**GIANTS**
Home field? All the Giants get are their fans and the "home" bench.**BRONCOS**
Somewhere, Marty Schottenheimer is having a big laugh at San Diego's expense.**CHARGERS**
The Chargers are bad, but the Broncos nearly lost to the Raiders and the Bills.**BRONCOS**
I went to the University of Denver, so I have to cheer for the Broncos.**BRONCOS**
The Chargers have been so disappointing, but the Broncos are disappointing too.**RAVENS**
It feels like forever ago when Trent Dilfer won the Super Bowl with Baltimore.**RAVENS**
Last week was certainly a stumble for Baltimore, but it's better than that.**RAVENS**
The 49ers don't have a quarterback.**49ERS**
Trent Dilfer, the QB in the Ravens' 2001 Super Bowl win, is at the helm in San Fran.**PACKERS**
When Kyle Orton gets the nod at QB, the Bears may start winning games.**PACKERS**
How the mighty have fallen. Remember, the Bears lost to the Lions last week.**BEARS**
With Favre setting the record, he's going to be tired after all the media and everything.**PACKERS**
Favre keeps it going against an injured and troubled team.**SEASON TALLY** | Matt Swenson: 10-8-2; Ian Herbert: 10-8-2; Celebrities: 9-9-2; Dave Goldberg: 10-8-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)**Marion Jones Admits to Steroid Use**

TRACK | Track star Marion Jones has acknowledged using steroids as she prepared for the 2000 Olympics and plans to plead guilty Friday in New York to two counts of lying to federal agents about her drug use and an unrelated financial matter, according to a letter Jones sent to

close family and friends.

Jones, who won five medals at the Sydney Olympics, said she took the steroid known as "the clear" for two years beginning in 1999, according to the letter, which was read to The Washington Post by a person who had been given a copy.

A person familiar with Jones's legal situation who requested anonymity confirmed the relevant facts.

Jones said her former coach, Trevor Graham, gave her the substance, telling her it was the nutritional supplement flaxseed oil and saying she should take it by putting two drops under her tongue.

AMY SHIPLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

**Title Hopes Not
A Loss Cause**

Contenders lost last week, making these games all must-wins

COLLEGE PICKS | Last week's upsets have taken some of the luster off this week's schedule, but it didn't make the big games in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La., any less important.

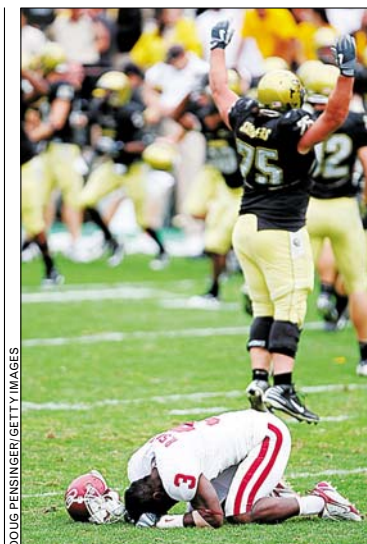
Actually, those games are even more crucial to the teams looking to bounce back. Remember, last year's national champion Florida lost a game, so one loss is not necessarily a death sentence for a team's title hopes. Two losses, however, is definitely too many for a national championship contender. The picks:

→ **NO. 9 FLORIDA** (PLUS 9) at **NO. 1 LSU**. For second straight year, both are in the top 10 when they play ... **LSU 30-22**.

→ **NO. 4 OHIO STATE** (MINUS 7) at **NO. 23 PURDUE**. Boilermakers won the last meeting in '04 ... **OHIO STATE 28-17**.

→ **NO. 5 WISCONSIN** (PLUS 2 1/2) at **ILLINOIS**. Badgers are 9-2-1 in last 12 against Illini ... **WISCONSIN 33-27**.

→ **NO. 10 OKLAHOMA** (MINUS 11) vs. **NO. 19**



Last week's loss to Colorado could be a title killer for then-No. 3 Oklahoma.

TEXAS at Dallas. Sooners had won five straight before Horns took the last two ... **OKLAHOMA 30-17**.

→ **NO. 12 GEORGIA** (PLUS 2) at **TENNESSEE**. Bulldogs are 3-0 in Knoxville under coach Mark Richt ... **TENNESSEE 26-25**.

→ **NO. 15 VIRGINIA TECH** (PLUS 5 1/2) at **NO. 22 CLEMSON**. Hokies have won four straight against the Tigers ... **VIRGINIA TECH 20-17**. RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)



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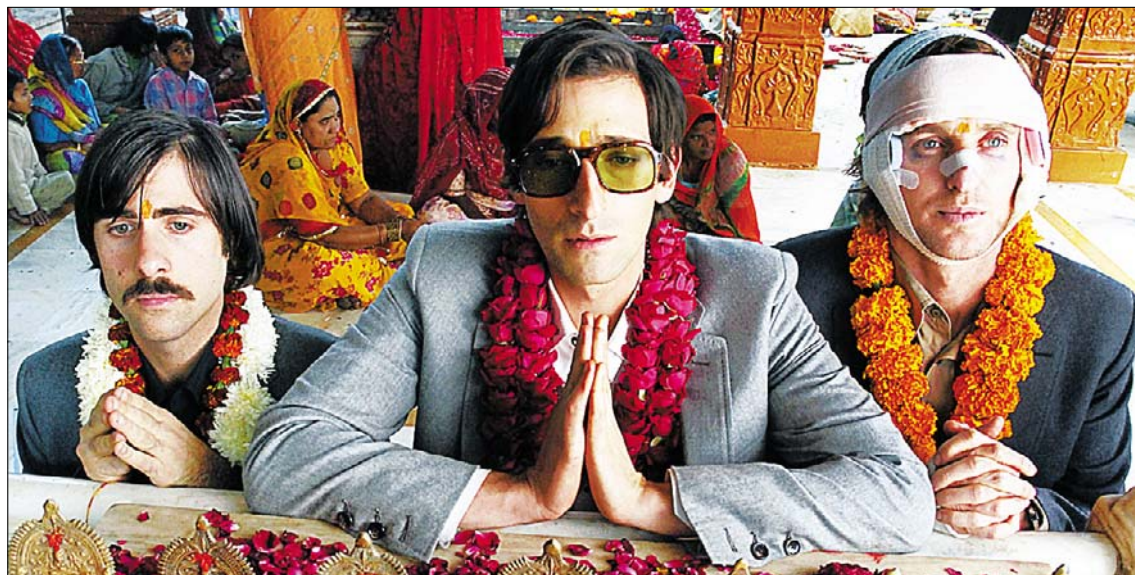
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MAKE US LIKE EACH OTHER! The Whitman Brothers turn to Eastern spirituality in an attempt to salvage familial bonds.

Brothers Grim

Wes Anderson's new film follows a gloomy trio through India

FILM | "The Darjeeling Limited," the latest self-satisfied exercise in style over substance from writer-director Wes Anderson, will amuse his cult followers — as well as Anderson himself and his pals, of course — but probably nobody else.

This time he has amassed old friends Owen Wilson and Jason

Schwartzman, along with Adrien Brody, to play estranged brothers who bicker while barreling across India on a train, supposedly on a spiritual journey. They haven't spoken since their father's funeral a year ago and their mother (Anderson regular Anjelica Huston) has abandoned them to become a nun in the Himalayas.

But the brothers Whitman, like the film itself, end up running all over the place without ever going anywhere. As in "The Royal Tenen-

baums" and "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou," Anderson seems more concerned with precious minutiae — the quirky, kitschy clutter surrounding his eccentric characters, all of which he shoots head-on in wide angle — than with developing people and scenarios that feel even vaguely real. (Anderson wrote the script with Schwartzman and Roman Coppola.)

The suitcases they carry literally and figuratively function as baggage for the Whitman brothers —

and how cute is that? — pieces they inherited from their father which have become emblematic of their years of pent-up resentments. Now as grown men, the three can agree on the need for cigarettes and cheap, over-the-counter Indian painkillers and that's about it.

The film, however, clearly required a ton of work, for which production designer Mark Friedberg deserves praise. (Longtime Anderson collaborator Robert Yeoman returns as cinematographer.) And every once in a while "The Darjeeling Limited" does have some lovely moments of subtlety: Peter running to catch the train in slow motion (always a favorite Anderson trick), or the brothers sitting around a campfire in the desert with Debussy's "Clair de lune" playing in the background, wondering whether they'd have been friends if they weren't related.

More intriguing than anything we see in "Darjeeling," though, is the short film that precedes it, starring Schwartzman and Natalie Portman, which takes place in a Paris hotel room and includes some details that become factors later. The two play former lovers reuniting awkwardly for the first time. Of course it contains all of Anderson's self-conscious visual flourishes but there's also a delicacy and intimacy about it, and a pathetic sweetness in Schwartzman's forced bravado, that make it instantly accessible and recognizable. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

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Heartbreakingly Mediocre

A potential gut-buster from the Farrellys fails to deliver the laughs

FILM | "The Heartbreak Kid" is funny enough compared to other recent movies by the Farrelly brothers, whose last four or five flicks have delivered only lackluster laughs.

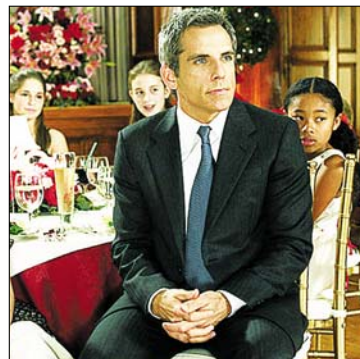
Yet Peter and Bobby Farrelly's take on the 1972 Neil Simon-Elaine May original is not nearly as

funny as you'd like for a movie that reunites them with "There's Something About Mary" star Ben Stiller in another gross-out romance.

Stiller's Eddie Cantrow is a 40-year-old stuck at the "singles table" at his former girlfriend's wedding.

Eddie then meets the beautiful, vivacious Lila (Malin Akerman), who seems too good to be true.

Of course, she is too good to be true. After marrying Lila on a whim and heading south for a honeymoon



Ben Stiller's character gets seated with the "singles" in "The Heartbreak Kid."

in Mexico, Eddie almost immediately learns they're a mismatch.

Granted, Eddie and Lila only knew each other for six weeks before marrying, but it's far too convenient that he never gets a whiff of their glaring incompatibility.

At the Mexican resort, Eddie encounters the homespun angel Miranda (Michelle Monaghan), and he realizes in a day or two that she's the woman for him. All in all, the film reeks of lazy storytelling. **DAVID GERMAN (AP)**

Entertainment | Weekend



MOUTHFUL: Pitt in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford."

A Legendary Performance

Brad Pitt mesmerizes as the dark desperado of American folklore

FILM | Put in simplest terms, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" is a film whose reach exceeds its grasp. Hugely ambitious and not without moments of success, this indulgent 2 hour and 40 minute epic ends up as unwieldy as its elongated title. It's a movie in love with itself, and few things are more fatal than that.

That long title comes courtesy of Ron Hansen's novel about the death of the celebrated 19th century desperado, already a character in 30 films, a book that so captivated writer-director Andrew Dominik and star Brad Pitt that they seemingly would not rest until they brought it to the screen.

In truth, that 1983 novel is a haunting work that adds beautiful writing and psychological acuity to the familiar dramatic dilemma of why fellow outlaw Ford (Casey Affleck in a much-talked-about performance) murdered a man he considered his friend. While histori-

ans and biographers saw the size of the reward — the equivalent of perhaps \$1 million today — as the key factor, Hansen envisioned a near-Shakespearean tragedy of jealousy, paranoia, thwarted ambition and hero worship curdling and turning sour.

While some of that complexity has made it to the film, "The Assassination of Jesse James" turns out to be the latest in a long string of adaptations seduced by a book's literary qualities only to learn the hard lesson that seeing is not believing, that things that work on the page do not necessarily transfer to the screen.

What transfers best is Pitt's intriguing performance as the outlaw king, which won him the best actor award at the Venice Film Festival. The casually charismatic aspect of Jesse James (described by novelist Hansen as someone who "ate all the air in your lungs and the thoughts right out of your mind") is second nature to Pitt, but there is also an air of unsettling mystery around James and, as the film progresses, expressions of darker things as well. **KENNETH TURAN**

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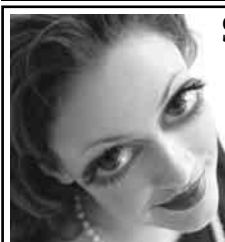
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FRIDAY

If Soundwave from the Transformers got voice lessons from R. Kelly, he'd probably sound like T-Pain. It's easy to hate on him until you hear him without his ever-present auto-tune effect and realize he's actually got some decent vocal chops. We thought Cher had ruined it for everyone, but once the current obsession with the plug-in fad dies off, T-Pain might still have a career. Maybe historians will actually consider him the Roger Troutman of his generation. Some of his lyrics are indeed cringe-inducing, like: "she made us drinks to drink, we drunk 'em, got drunk." But that is the fluff upon which pop gold is built. And truthfully, every man who has ever tried to forget his lady troubles by hitting the bar has had a momentary crush on a cute bartender at least once. Mr. Pain speaks truthfully, if not eloquently, for the average man. You can catch the "Rappa Ternt Sanga" at **H2O** tonight. Admission is free from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. if you get on the guestlist at H2odc.com, and the drinks are on the house from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

If David were to ever pack up and disappear, he would run off to New Zealand. It's as far away from D.C. as you can get while still being



Auckland duo the Brunettes make their D.C. debut at the Rock and Roll Hotel.



'RAPPA TERNT SANGA': T-Pain plans to prove he can carry a tune at H2O on Friday.

part of English-speaking civilization, and it arguably has the best "quality music per capita" ratio of anywhere in the world. The Clean, the Bats, the Verlaines, the Double-Happys, Tall Dwarfs, Dead C, Bailter Space ... the list goes on and on. One of the latest additions to the country's wonderful pop lineage is the Brunettes. The Auckland duo of Jonathan Bree and Heather Mansfield — yes, both with brown hair — have been making records for nearly a decade, but their big state-side break came when the recent "Structure & Cosmetics" was picked up by Sub Pop Records. The album is full of infectious twee pop — lead track "Brunettes Against Bubblegum Youth" is especially addictive — and fans of Camera Obscura or locals Georgie James should find plenty to like tonight at **THE ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL**. The Fairline Parkway, recent signees to nifty local label Kora Records, will open. It's the group's first D.C. show, and the few songs we've heard — sweet, low-key indie pop with some killer fuzz guitar tones — have us excited.

SATURDAY

Oktoberfest is wrapping up in Munich this weekend — the Wiesn ends on Sunday — but it seems like it's just taking off in Washington. The **CAPITOL CITY BREWING COMPANY**'s annual Mid-Atlantic Oktoberfest is always one of the highlights of the season. Dozens of breweries from across the country bring their beers to the streets of Shirlington; German dancers perform and a good time is had by all. Admission to the festival is free. If you want to sample the beers — and this is a good chance to peruse Oktoberfest seasonals from all our local brew-

pubs — then it's \$25 for unlimited tastes between 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. A clip-and-save list of booths Fritz thinks you should watch out for: Avery, Bear Republic, Bell's, Lagunitas, North Coast, Smuttynose, Star Hill, Stoudt's, Troeg's and Victory.

SUNDAY

Given the failure rate of new businesses, it's always nice to see bars stick around for 5 or even 10 years. It's also nice to see a weekend this jam-packed with beer related events. Sunday, the **BRICKSKELLER** is celebrating a birthday: the big 5-0. Yes, FIFTY years of slinging beers in Dupont, and several decades as a tourist attraction for beer lovers across the country, thanks to the bar's designation in the Guinness Book of World Records for offering the most beers in one establishment — 1,072 when the Guinness folks showed up to count them all in 2002. Anyway, to celebrate the Brickskeller's golden anniversary, owners Diane and Dave Alexander are turning back the clock to 1957, offering frog legs and French onion soup from the original menu — Diane's father was a Cordon Bleu-trained chef — and some of the Brick's original "exotic" imported beers, like Bass, Carlsberg, Guinness and Molson, will go for \$1.75. Dave also says that the Brick will celebrate by tapping some "special" kegs that they've been saving for a special occasion, including aged beers from Dogfish Head, Allagash and Stone.

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13, 133 minutes) In this movie, Julie Taymor — the creative genius behind Broadway's "The Lion King," the visionary director of "Frida" and "Titus" — has shoe-horned, contorted and otherwise bullied some of the Beatles' greatest hits into a vapid Hollywood musical; it's the kind of project that must have looked great on paper, but on-screen, not so much. Evan Rachel Wood plays Lucy, an innocent high school kid in the early 1960s;

Jim Sturgess plays Jude, a Liverpool lad who has just arrived in America and has befriended Lucy's brother, Max (Joe Anderson). They three friends wind up in Greenwich Village at the height of the era's cultural and political upheaval, occasionally breaking into song. (AH)

THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13, 110 minutes) This is not a movie, it's a trip through a gun barrel at the head of a cloud of exploding gas, and you end up splattered against a wall, then sliding into the dust with the sound of the drums ringing in your head for hours. The third in the series of films derived from novels by the late Robert Ludlum starring Matt Damon, it is the second to be directed by Paul Greengrass, the brilliant Brit who, like everybody affiliated with the project, is much too good for it. Other luminar-



THE ROCK IS COOKIN': An NFL star has a daughter (surprise!) in "The Game Plan."

ies whose careers will be tarnished by this express train without destination include Damon himself, grown grave and tragic in his mid-30s, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen, David Strathairn and Scott Glenn. It's frenetic to the point of crazy while achieving a mark that barely exceeds mediocre. (SH)

THE BRAVE ONE (R, 115 minutes) Jodie Foster plays Erica Bain, a Manhattan radio producer and persona. She who, with her fiancé, is mugged, shown in hellacious and gut-wrenching detail. Her fiancé is killed, and shattered, Erica begins a slow recovery. The movie is exquisite at capturing the hyper-sensitivity of the damaged and bereaved, particularly as it encounters the very system that failed it. (SH)

DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R, 90 minutes)

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In this British movie, a family funeral engenders a barrage of social calamities, enough to ruin the memory of the deceased for good. But this seemingly tired conceit proves irresistibly amusing, thanks to the comically adroit cast, including Matthew Macfadyen and Rupert Graves as the two main brothers who must deal with one disaster after another; Andy Nyman, as a hyper neurotic; Alan Tudyk, as a guest who accidentally ingests a hallucinogenic pill; and Peter Dinklage, as the proverbial gatecrasher with terribly inconvenient news to impart. The guaranteed crowd-pleasing moments? Tudyk's mind-tripping character, breaking into a panic attack when he believes he has seen the coffin lid rise and, later, perching naked on a roof, as he contemplates the mistaken belief that his fiancée doesn't love him anymore. (DT)

DRAGON WARS (PG-13, 107 minutes) This is a cheesy, utterly incomprehensible action fantasy from South Korea about dragon creatures of ancient legend who fight their good vs. evil battle in modern times through a young woman marked to be a conduit for the good dragon and a young man (Jason Behr) destined to be her protector; FBI agents and

the U.S. Army join in. It is an incoherent saga, with many fiery, serpentine confrontations with sword, spear and lethal dragon tails, and is clearly not for anyone phobic about reptilian creatures.

JANE HOROWITZ

EASTERN PROMISES (R, 100 minutes) Naomi Watts plays Anna Khitrova, a midwife who works in a London hospital. When a newborn girl and a Russian-language diary come into her possession, she's determined to do right by the baby. But her routine diligence turns into a dangerous ordeal when she meets Semyon (Armin Mueller-Stahl), a Russian restaurant proprietor who seems unusually motivated to translate, and keep, that diary. After run-ins with Semyon's sidekicks, his son, Kirill (Vincent Cassel), and Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen), his driver,

Anna realizes she's dealing with a criminal enterprise. (DT)

FEAST OF LOVE (R, 102 minutes) Assorted couples break apart and re-form in this drama that's a bit too earnest and tidy. It begins with troubled philosophy professor Harry Stevenson (Morgan Freeman) unable to sleep and going for a walk at 2:25 a.m. He passes a softball field and remembers what happened there 18 months before. (MM)

THE GAME PLAN (PG, 110 minutes) This movie, featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as star quarterback Joe Kingman, follows familiar formulas and characters but is brightened by a bit of wit and good performances. Kingman has such a swollen ego that he tries to be a one-man team. He has turned his ultra-cool bachelor pad into a shrine to himself



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and the other King, Elvis. Then, just as his team is entering the playoffs, 8-year-old Peyton Kelly (Madison Pettis) arrives on his doorstep, claiming to be the daughter he never knew he had. (MM)

GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R, 99 minutes) In this odd amalgam of cheesy romance and gross-out humor, Dane Cook plays an eternally frustrated boyfriend who feels cursed by a permanent love jinx. (Some Goth girl in grade school cursed him to be forever "the other guy" who never gets the girl, after he refused to yield to her sexual demands.) That hex seems to continue in his early adult years: Whoever sleeps with him, it seems, goes on to marry Mr. Right. This doesn't sit well with Chuck, who seeks a permanent girlfriend, especially when he meets the gorgeous but klutzy Cam (Jessica Alba). The movie spares no effort to reach out to the crudest, youngest audiences it can, and it's hard to fathom the reasons Cook made it. Does he want to become a sort of second-rate Adam Sandler attracting teenagers who giggle like Beavis and Butt-head at shots of naked women and disgusting jokes about sex? (DT)

HALLOWEEN (R, 97 minutes) That 10-year-old sociopath-in-the-making Michael Myers is played by Daeg Faerch, a scraggly-haired head banger, is just



SENSE AND SENSUALITY: Emily Blunt, left, stars in "The Jane Austen Book Club."

one of the problems with Rob Zombie's take on John Carpenter's 1978 horror/slasher classic. Zombie creates a long, previously untold back story that adds little to why little Michael killed family members and neighbors on Halloween. Then it's off to the sanitarium for 17 years and eventual escape back to Carpenter's story of an emotionless killer behind an expressionless mask. This time around, Michael's a big boy, played by 6-foot-8 Tyler Mane, who does nothing to make us forget that he's a former professional wrestler. RICHARD HARRINGTON

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IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R, 121 minutes) Tommy Lee Jones plays Hank Deerfield, a retired military police officer who learns that his son, having survived a year of combat in Iraq and returned with his unit to Fort Ruid, N.M., has disappeared. It doesn't feel right to Hank,

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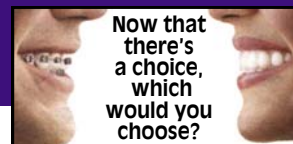


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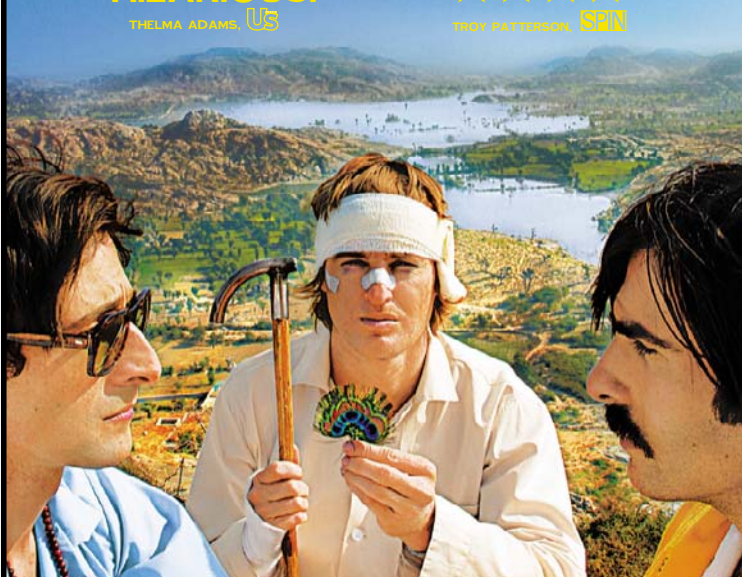
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and so off he goes across the Southwest to the fort where his son was last seen. Along the way he bonds with a young civilian police detective, Emily Sanders (Charlize Theron), and when he can't convince the military authorities that something is amiss, he goes to her to push the investigation forward. The movie works best as what might be called a human-scale thriller, but it misses the mark. Like many of the current antiwar films, this movie strives to lay the crime

it uncovers at the feet of a government that would send 200,000 boys off to a certain place at a certain time to do violence in the name of certain principles. But the crime it uncovers is generic. (SH)

INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes) Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version, has preserved the book's most iconic, even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day

sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. Emile Hirsch plays McCandless, putting himself through the kind of punishing physical challenges and transformations Robert De Niro has made famous. The film is far more than the story of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH)

THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13, 106 minutes) Based on Karen Joy

Fowler's novel of the same title, this movie follows five women (and a man one of them drags along) as they make their way through Jane Austen's six novels, their own lives taking on resemblances to the author's heady plots. Kathy Baker, Amy Brenneman and Maggie Grace are each terrific in their respective roles, but it's Maria Bello and Emily Blunt who steal the show. Everyone is given their due and dignity in this funny, sexy, humanist film that, if it is a chick flick, gives the genre a good name. (AH)

THE KINGDOM (R, 111 minutes) One electrifying performance becomes the only saving grace of this goofy action movie that tries to marry the blitzkrieg

entertainment of "Rambo" to the cultural consciousness of "Syriana." That acting turn comes from Middle Eastern actor Ashraf Barhom, who plays a sympathetic Saudi Arabian police officer caught between two incompatible cultures. When a terrorist bombing takes the lives of 200 American oil workers, their families and Saudi locals at an American compound in his country, he is forced to babysit four American FBI agents — played by Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner, Chris Cooper and Jason Bateman — who have come over to investigate. As Col. Faris Al Ghazi (Barhom) and the Americans chafe in their observational

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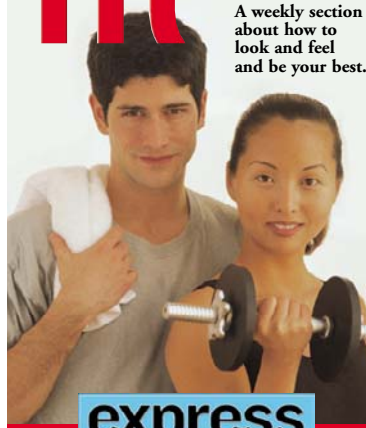
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MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13, 95 minutes) Mild pleasures are available in this comedy that stops well short of distinction but—primarily because of the comic animosity between a stoic Billy Bob Thornton and

a semi-hysterical Seann William Scott—delivers some chuckles. A self-help author (Scott) is horrified to find out that his beloved mom (Susan Sarandon) back in Nebraska has taken up with his old tough-as-horseshoes P.E. teacher Mr. Woodcock (Thornton). Every school had a Mr. Woodcock: He was the lock-jawed, tough-as-horseshoes P.E. teacher who treated his feeble charges with a drill instructor's contempt. The problem: Mr. Woodcock, 13 years earlier, subjected Scott's character to the same routines, shattering him and causing him to veer off into psychobabble as a career. (SH)

NO END IN SIGHT (Unrated, 102 minutes) This film by Charles Ferguson is

a furious, if quietly stated, indictment of the president and all his men in re the debacle that our adventure in Iraq has become. Ferguson builds a compelling case of bad judgment, error, stubbornness and arrogance. It's also, most impressively, an evocation of that horror. Ferguson, a Brookings Institution scholar and software entrepreneur, has rounded up mostly mid-level bureaucrats who served in the occupation and watched in horror as the chaos doubled and redoubled. They form an effective set of witnesses because they don't seem instinctively anti-Bush. (SH)

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RUSH HOUR 3 (PG-13, 90 minutes) At the risk of eternal damnation on the Internet, I admit to laughing at—even

feeling momentarily touched by this third installment in a summer franchise. And the secret behind its success? The goofy charms of Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker. Director Brett Ratner, who did all three flicks, and scriptwriter Jeff Nathanson, who wrote the last two, have isolated this wild-card relationship—with its attendant cultural clashes and personality friction—and made it the movie's main ingredient. We laugh at this lampooning of the romantic genre, even as we realize wistfully that these two really do belong together. (DT)

SUPERBAD (R, 104 minutes) This movie plays like a sort of prequel to “Knocked Up,” in which Seth Rogen portrayed a



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dumpy pothead who gets the babe in the end. In this movie, which Rogen co-wrote and was co-produced by “Knocked Up” director Judd Apatow—Jonah Hill plays a high school senior who resembles the once and future Rogen, a chubby, foul-mouthed porn addict named Seth who is determined to snag a girlfriend for the summer. While Seth slobbers over a sharp hottie named Jules (Emma Stone), his best friend, Evan (Michael Cera), quietly lusts for a shy girl named Becca (Martha MacIsaac). (AH)

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / (10:30 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:20, 3:00, 4:20, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:10, 11:50
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / (11:10 @ \$6), 2:10, 5:10, 8:10, 10:50
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / (10:35 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:35
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (11:20 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:20, 8:20, 11:10
THE KINGDOM (R) / (10:50, 11:40 @ \$6), 1:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:00, 4:50, 5:40, 6:50, 7:50, 8:40, 9:50, 10:40, 11:40, 12:40
THE KINGDOM (R) / 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:50, 12:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / (11:30 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 12:20
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / (10:40 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:30, 2:50, 4:10, 6:40, 8:30, 9:20, 11:00, 12:00
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) / (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:45
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / (10:55 @ \$6), 2:00, 5:00, 8:15, 11:20
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / (11:50 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55, 12:15
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 12:10, 2:55, 8:50, 11:45
SUPERBAD (R) / 5:30

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / (10:45 @ \$6), 2:05, 5:15, 8:25, 11:35
INTO THE WILD (R) / 12:50, 4:30, 8:05, 9:30, 11:30
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / (11:15 @ \$6), 2:15, 5:05, 7:55, 10:35
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / 5:50
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / (11:05 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05, 12:35

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THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 12:00, 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / 12:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) / 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

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EASTERN PROMISES (R) / 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / 1:35, 4:55, 7:25, 10:05
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
THE KINGDOM (R) / 1:25, 2:20, 4:05, 5:05, 6:30, 9:00, 10:00
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / 12:25, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) / 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:40

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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FEAST OF LOVE (R) / 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
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THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (R) / 2:10, 5:10, 8:10
INTO THE WILD (R) / 1:30, 2:00, 4:30, 5:00, 7:20, 8:00
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / 1:50, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / 2:00, 7:00
IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON (PG) / 4:20, 9:40
DEATH AT A FUNERAL (R) / 2:20, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55
THE KINGDOM (R) / 1:55, 4:20, 7:05, 9:55
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 9:50

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) / (11:40 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / (11:45 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / (11:10 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (11:05 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
THE KINGDOM (R) / (10:45 @ \$5), 12:05, 1:30, 2:50, 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:20, 9:45, 11:05
THE KINGDOM (R) / (10:45 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / (10:40 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / (11:00 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:50, 6:30, 8:50, 11:10
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / (11:20 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:10, 6:20, 8:40, 10:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 2:40, 7:50

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THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / (11:25 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / 12:15, 5:25, 10:35

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) / 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
THE KINGDOM (R) / 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:10
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
DRAGON WARS (PG-13) / 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) / 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (10:50 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) / (11:25 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:05, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / (11:05 @ \$5), 12:05, 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / 3:40, 9:35
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (11:50 @ \$5), 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
THE KINGDOM (R) / (11:15 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:50, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50
THE KINGDOM (R) / 12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:50
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / (11:40 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / (11:10 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:45, 6:10, 8:35, 10:55
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) / (11:30 @ \$5), 2:20, 4:55, 7:35
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / (11:20 @ \$5), 4:50, 10:25
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / (10:55 @ \$5), 1:15, 3:20, 5:40, 7:45, 9:45
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 2:05, 7:40
SUPERBAD (R) / 10:15 PM

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / (11:55 @ \$5), 3:35, 6:45, 9:55
INTO THE WILD (R) / (11:55 @ \$5), 3:30, 7:05, 10:20
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / (11:45 @ \$5), 2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / 12:50, 6:40
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / (11:50 @ \$5), 1:35, 3:55, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:45, 12:15
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) / 1:10, 2:10, 4:05, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / 12:00, 2:30, 5:20, 8:20, 11:20
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / 12:00, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:05
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / 4:20, 10:10
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:50
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:50
THE KINGDOM (R) / 12:20, 2:50, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 8:30, 10:20, 11:30
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / 12:10, 2:20
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 1:40, 7:10, 12:25

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:40
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) / 12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30, 12:30
INTO THE WILD (R) / 1:15, 4:50, 8:10, 11:40
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / 2:05, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:55, 12:10

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THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (11:05 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) / (10:00, 11:30 @ \$5), 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:25, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / (10:05, 11:40 @ \$5), 12:40, 2:15, 3:15, 4:50, 5:50, 7:25, 8:45, 10:00, 11:30
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / (11:35 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / (11:50 @ \$5), 5:10, 10:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (10:10 @ \$5), 12:50, 3:30, 6:20, 9:05
THE KINGDOM (R) / (10:30, 11:45 @ \$5), 1:15, 2:25, 4:00, 5:05, 6:50, 7:45, 9:35, 10:35
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / (10:00 @ \$5), 12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / (10:15 @ \$5), 12:35, 3:05, 5:30, 7:10, 8:05, 9:40, 10:40
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) / (11:00 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:25
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / (10:40 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) / (10:45 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:20, 5:35, 7:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 2:20, 7:40
RUSH HOUR 3 (PG13) / (11:55 @ \$5), 2:10, 7:35, 9:50

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / (10:05 @ \$5), 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:10
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) / (10:50 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / 4:40
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / 9:55 PM

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FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) / (10:10 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20, 12:30
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) / (10:00, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:45, 5:55, 7:30, 8:45, 10:10, 11:30, 12:40
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / (10:05 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55, 12:20
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / (10:30 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45, 12:25
THE KINGDOM (R) / (10:00, 11:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 1:40, 3:05, 4:25, 5:40, 7:15, 8:30, 9:50, 11:15, 12:35
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / (10:25 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15, 12:30
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) / (10:45 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:25, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30, 12:45
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) / 12:00, 2:35, 5:15, 7:45
3:10 TO YUMA (R) / 12:05, 2:40, 5:25, 8:05, 10:50
SUPERBAD (R) / 10:05 PM, 12:40 AM

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / (10:15 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:25
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) / (10:15 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:25
IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R) / (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:35, 7:20
EASTERN PROMISES (R) / (10:20 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 8:15, 10:55

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THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) / 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
FEAST OF LOVE (R) / 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:55
THE GAME PLAN (PG) / 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) / 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 2:40, 5:20, 8:00
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) / 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

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THE KINGDOM (R) / 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
THE BRAVE ONE (R) / 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
SEND A BULLET (NR-NOT RATED) / 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) / 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20

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NO END IN SIGHT (NR-NOT RATED) / 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
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6:10, 7:10, 9:10, 10:10
***THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG)**
(PG) 11:50, 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:25
***THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13)** / 11:10, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50
***THE KINGDOM (R)**
11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
***THE GAME PLAN (PG-13)**
11:05, 12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
***FEAST OF LOVE (R)**
1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R)
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GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R)
12:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13)
11:00,

Television



MINIONS OF THE HOUSE: Kal Penn, pictured, Olivia Wilde and Peter Jacobson will continue on Fox's hit medical series "House" as regulars. The three were among several recurring actors on the show, all vying to be the good doctor's new assistants.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

BE THE PACK LEADER
A Labrador mix proves to be uncharacteristically skittish on **THE DOG WHISPERER** (8 p.m., National Geographic, Fri.).

HE ASKS FOR A RAISE!
Rocket dog asserts himself again on **MEERKAT MANOR** (8:30 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.).

GOOD QUALITIES IN A FRIEND
A breezy ex-ball player (Kevin Costner) befriends an embittered, divorced mother (Joan Allen) in the 2005 comedy **THE UPSIDE OF ANGER** (9 p.m., TNT, Fri.).

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The opening moments of **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.) remind us how this remarkable documentary-style melodrama is unlike any other on network television.

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Mick's back pages may be his undoing on **MOONLIGHT** (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

BIG BAD BOSS MAN
The new owner (Tom Selleck) tries to



LOVE HURTS: Scott Porter as a paralyzed player in "Friday Night Lights."

make his mark on **LAS VEGAS** (10 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

PESKY PESKY HOMICIDE
The shadow of homicide falls on a Hollywood hanger-on on **NUMB3RS** (10 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

SUBTLE TITLE
PLEASE BUY ME A HOUSE (8 p.m., TLC, Sat.) documents families trying new approaches to sell homes that have been on the market for too long, draining their resources and causing endless worry.

HARDSHIPS OF THE FAMOUS
TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORIES (5 p.m., E!, Sat.) investigates kidnapping in celebrity circles.

FETTUCINE AS FUEL
Michael sponsors a charity race to fight rabies on **THE OFFICE** (8 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

WHO FEELS RED?
Yes, **LEAVE IT TO BEAVER**, the iconic and

beloved sitcom set in an idealized 1950s suburbia, turns 50. TV Land celebrates the golden anniversary with a 24-hour salute (8 p.m., Sat.,-8 p.m. Sun.).

SUPER FUNNY
Seth Rogen hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guests Spoon.

YOU GO, GROWN WOMAN!
Lynette makes a stand with Tom on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.).

SECRET INGREDIENTS
Eight kitchen wizards compete for the title of **THE NEXT IRON CHEF** (9 p.m., Food, Sun.).

TAKE THAT, TYRA
Ben Stein returns to game shows on **AMERICA'S MOST SMARTEST MODEL** (9 p.m., VH1, Sun.), a spoof reality game show with a ridiculous title designed to demonstrate that not all beautiful people



CAPABLE COMEDIAN: Seth Rogen will handle hosting SNL better than most.

are as dumb as rocks.
FOR A CHANGE
Larry freaks out on **CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

THEY'LL NEED 47 CARS
Time for a family road trip on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., ABC, Sun.). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4 News (N) [CC]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) [CC]		Friday Night Lights [CC]		Las Vegas (N) [CC]		News (N) [CC]	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5 News (N)	TMZ (N) [CC]	The Simpsons [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?		K-ville "Cobb's Web" [CC]		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ [CC]
	WJLA 7 News (N) [CC]	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Pushing Daisies "Pie-lette" [CC]		Primetime: Medical Mysteries [CC]		20/20 [CC]		News (N) [CC]	(35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9 News (N) [CC]	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N) [CC]		Moonlight "Out of the Past" (N) [CC]		NUMB3RS "Hollywood Homicide" (N)		News (N) [CC]	Late Show
	WDCA 20 Judge Judy (N) [CC]	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★ ★ "Desperately Seeking Susan" (1985) Rosanna Arquette. [CC]		Every-Raymond	King of the Hill [CC]			Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]	
	WMPT 22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW (N) [CC]	Bill Moyers Journal (N) [CC]		Mystery! "Foyle's War III: The French Drop"			Smart Travels
	WETA 26 BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) [CC]		Ken Burns American Stories [CC] (DVS)			Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32 White House	Tavis Smiley [CC]	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives [CC]		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley [CC]	Charlie Rose (N) [CC]	
BASIC CABLE	WDCW 50 My Wife and Kids	Family Guy [CC]	Two/Half Men	Friends [CC]	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) [CC]				Family Guy [CC]	Friends (N) [CC]	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City
	A&E	Cold Case Files [CC]		CSI: Miami "Golden Parachute" [CC]	CSI: Miami "Under the Influence" [CC]		CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash" [CC]		CSI: Miami "Legal" [CC]		CSI: Miami "Hell Night" [CC]	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter [CC]		Foiled by Nature	Foiled by Nature	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Animal Precinct "Amazing Recovery"	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)		★ ★ "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" (1998, Biography) Halle Berry, Vivica A. Fox. Premiere. [CC]						Sunday Best [CC]		Take the Cake (Live) [CC]
	Bravo	Friday Night Lights "State" [CC]	Better Half "Chefs" [CC]		★ ★ "Boomerang" (1992) Eddie Murphy. A sexist marketing executive gets his comeuppance.				★ ★ "Another 48 Hours" (1990, Action) Eddie Murphy.			
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "The Ladies Man" (2000)	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	Mind of Mencia	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos [CC]	Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	Most Shocking "Stopped by the Law"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	North Mission	The Investigators "A Date to Die For"	
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman	How to Survive "The Will to Live"		Man vs. Wild "Ecuador" [CC]		Last One Standing "Brazil"		Survivorman	
MOVIES	DISCH	Code Blue "Sweet Charity" [CC]		Trauma: Life in the ER [CC]	Surgery Saved My Life "The Flatliner"		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [CC]		Skeleton Stories Decomposing body.		Surgery Saved My Life "The Flatliner"	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	The Suite Life	Hannah Montana	Cory in the House	★ ★ "The Haunted Mansion" (2003) Eddie Murphy.		Shaun the Sheep	The Suite Life	Hannah Montana
	E!	Dr. 90210 "Eye on the Prize"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	101 SNL Moments	101 SNL Moments		The Soup (N)	Wild Cop Show	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	★ ★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson.				★ "Tomcats" (2001, Comedy) Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth.		That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★ "Tomcats" (2001) Jerry O'Connell.		
	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Decorating Cents	Get It Together	Fun Shui (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold
	Family	8 Simple Rules [CC]	8 Simple Rules [CC]	★ ★ ★ "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise. A Navy lawyer defends two Marines in a comrade's death. [CC]						America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club [CC]
	History	Pacific Triangle	Our Generation	Martins: Engineering Disasters 14	Martins: Weird Weapons: The Allies		Martins: Weird Weapons: The Axis		Modern Martins: High Tech Sex		Wild West Tech: Freak Show Tech	
	Lifetime	Reba [CC]	Reba [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Reba [CC]	Reba [CC]	"How I Married My High School Crush" (2007) Katee Sackhoff. [CC]		Will & Grace [CC]	Will & Grace [CC]	Will & Grace [CC]
SPORTS	MTV	America's Next Top Model [CC]		Gamekillers (N)	Life of Ryan [CC]	Newport Harb	The Hills [CC]	The Real World	The Real World	Viva La Bam [CC]	Viva La Bam [CC]	Viva La Bam [CC]
	NICK	Drake & Josh [CC]	Naked Brothers	Zoey 101 [CC]	Ned's School	Tak, Power	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Back, Barnyard	Fresh Prince	George Lopez [CC]	Home Improve.
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	SPIKE	Star Trek: Voyager [CC]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]		★ ★ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979, Adventure) Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGeehan. [CC]					Aliens in America
	TBS	(5:00) MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (S Live) [CC]				MLB Baseball American League Division Series Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (S Live) [CC]						
	TLC	Property Ladder [CC]		Fashion Fanatic Weddings. [CC]	Fashion Fanatic "Shoes & Handbags"		What Not to Wear "Kim" [CC]		What Not to Wear Dog-sitter. [CC]		What Not to Wear "Kim" [CC]	
	TNT	Law & Order "Scrambled" [CC]		Law & Order "Turnstile Justice" [CC]	Law & Order "Floater" [CC] (DVS)		★ ★ ★ "The Upside of Anger" (2005) Joan Allen. Premiere. [CC]				(10) ★ ★ ★ "The Upside of Anger"	
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]		Monk "Biggest Fan" [CC]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]		House "Alone" [CC]	
NEWS	VHI	Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip Hop		Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip Hop	Don't Stop: 30 Years of Hip Hop		"The Last Days of Left Eye" (2006, Documentary) [CC]				"Dave Chappelle's Block Party"	
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	CSN	SportsNite [CC]	SportsNite [CC]	SportsNite [CC]	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Atlanta Thrashers. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (Live)		SportsNite (Live) [CC]				Washington Post Live	
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]		The Situation Room	Out in the Open		Larry King Live Kid Rock. (N) [CC]		Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) [CC]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) [CC]		Hannity & Colmes (Live) [CC]		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
ENTERTAINMENT	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball [CC]	Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Lockup: San Quentin		Lockup: San Quentin		Lockup: San Quentin	
	AMC	(5:30) ★ ★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson, John Corbett. 'PG-13' [CC]			★ ★ ★ "Working Girl" (1988, Romance-Comedy) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford. 'R'				★ "Original Sin" (2001) Antonio Banderas. 'R' [CC]			
	TCM	My Son, Vamp.	(4:5) ★ ★ "The Return of the Vampire" (1944) 'NR'		★ ★ "Curse of the Demon" (1957) Dana Andrews. 'NR'		(4:5) ★ ★ ★ "Cat People" (1942) Simone Simon. 'NR'				★ ★ ★ "I Walked With a Zombie"	
	HBO	(4:30) Entrapment	Countdown	Inside the NFL [CC]	★ ★ "The Black Dahlia" (2006, Mystery) Josh Hartnett. [CC] 'R' [CC]		Curb-Enthsm	Curb-Enthsm	Real Time With Bill Maher [CC]			
	MAX	(4:30) Highlander	(2:0) ★ ★ "Just Friends" (2005) Ryan Reynolds. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006, Action) Hugh Jackman. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]		★ ★ "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998, Action) Mel Gibson, Joe Pesci. [CC] 'R' [CC]					
	SHOW	"Larry the Cable Guy"		★ ★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006) Tyler Perry. iTV. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]		Weeds (iTV) [CC]	Californication [CC]	Brotherhood (iTV) [CC]			Boxing: Bailey vs. Bradley	
	TMC	Filmmaker Sho.	(2:0) ★ ★ "A Simple Plan" (1998, Suspense) Bill Paxton. [CC] 'R' [CC]		★ ★ "Aeon Flux" (2005) Charlize Theron. 'PG-13' [CC]		(0:5) "Death to the Supermodels" (2005) Jaime Pressly.				Strangers	
	STARZ!	(5:20) ★ "Underclassman" (2005) [CC]		On the Set [CC]	(2:0) ★ ★ ★ "Monster House" (2006) Steve Buscemi. 'PG'		★ ★ ★ "Glory Road" (2006, Drama) Josh Lucas, James Aaron. [CC] 'PG' [CC]				★ ★ "Running With Scissors" (2006)	
ENCORE		(4:45) Delirious [CC]	★ ★ "Look Who's Talking Too" (1990) John Travolta. [CC]		★ "The Benchwarmers" (2006) David Spade. [CC] 'PG-13'		★ ★ ★ "Eight Below" (2006, Adventure) Paul Walker. [CC] 'PG' [CC]					(3:5) 12 Monkeys

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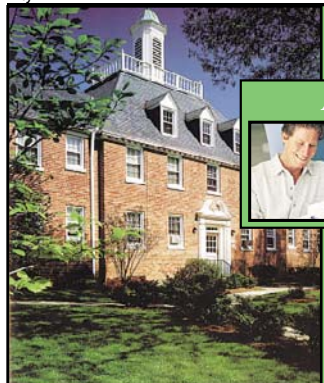
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Technology

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But there's no need. TerraMax is a self-driving vehicle, a prototype designed to navigate and obey traffic rules — all while the people inside, if there are any, do anything but drive.

During a recent test in Wisconsin by manufacturer Oshkosh Truck Co., TerraMax barreled down a dusty road with the driver seat empty. It stopped at a four-way intersection and waited on staged traffic before obediently lurching ahead.

If the Defense Department gets its way, vehicles like TerraMax — about as long as a typical sport utility vehicle and almost twice as high — could represent the future of transportation for the military's ground forces.

Consider 80 soldiers driving a convoy of 40 trucks across the Iraqi desert, said Joaquin Salas, spokes-

man for the Oshkosh, Wis.-based company. If most of those vehicles could drive themselves, the same convoy might manage with just 10 soldiers.

"You're reducing the number of people susceptible to enemy fire," said Salas, who served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps. "It's simply amazing technology."

In 2001, Congress mandated that one in three ground combat vehicles be self-driving by 2015. The idea is to free personnel for nondriving tasks such as reading maps, scanning for roadside bombs or scouting for the enemy

— and to deploy vehicles altogether unoccupied.

The military's research arm turned to industry and academia to help meet that goal. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, has sponsored a series of contests since 2003 in which prototype vehicles must navigate rough terrain and avoid obstacles.

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UNMANNED: Oshkosh engineer John Beck programs a self-driving TerraMax truck.

raMax's onboard computer. The monitor displayed the truck's proposed path and a 360-degree view of its surroundings. External objects showed up as ambiguous red squiggles.

After traveling along at the programmed speed of 10 mph, TerraMax jerked to a halt at a pre-programmed stop.

"That's one of the things we're working on," Beck said of the rough ride.

The 12-ton truck paused to allow its onboard sensors — lasers, sophisticated cameras and global positioning systems — determine whether the roadway was clear. Then it dutifully signaled, executed a tight left turn and continued.

Beck said it's amazing how quickly people become comfort-

Look, No Hands

“For some reason, it's a lot more scary watching [the truck] drive when there's no one in the cab. I don't know why.”

JOHN BECK, OSHKOSH TRUCK CO.

"It's my view that we're not just trying to win, but we're also trying to advance the topic of safer cars," said Sebastian Thrun, a computer-science professor who leads Stanford University's DARPA team. "There are so many other great uses of this technology."

On a recent afternoon, Oshkosh chief engineer John Beck programmed a course into Ter-

able in a self-driving truck. And, in fact, it does take only minutes for a passenger to start feeling comfortable in the vehicle.

"What's weird, though — it's not that comfortable when you step out of it and tell it to go by itself," he said. "For some reason, it's a lot more scary watching it drive when there's no one in the cab. I don't know why."

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The Funny Girl Inside

Mary Lynn Rajsclub was a comedian and performance artist before she landed the role of computer whiz Chloe on the Fox TV drama "24." Express contributor Tony Sclafani spoke to Rajsclub before she hits the Birchmere on Sunday with her new stage show, "Turns Out I'm Funny." | [COMING UP](#)



SIGHT SCENE

WPA to Cut Corcoran Tie

By the beginning of next year, the Washington Project for the Arts\Corcoran will be no more. The WPA will move to a 1,000-square-foot first-floor area of a Dupont Circle rowhouse on Jan. 1. Express contributor Kriston Capps has the details on WPA's future. | [COMING UP](#)

FREE RIDE

Beer Battle in Brookland

Residents in Brookland often bemoan the lack of restaurants, bars and other retail amenities in their Northeast neighborhood. But a new bar called The Library, which is popular with college students on the 12th Street NE strip, is causing a stir. Express' Michael Grass outlines the neighbors' complaints. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



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“That’s why

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I get into the airplane, I’m cool with it. But if the delay happens when [I’m] on the plane, that’s pretty much [i]ntolerable.”

COMMENTER ME, WHO ADDED, “IT’S ESPECIALLY ALL RIGHT IF I’M IN A TERMINAL WITH A GOOD BAR.”



“Until airlines are forced to abide by a passenger bill of rights, and [are] prevented from treating their paying customers like prisoners, no one should fly.”

COMMENTER LENI, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY’S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “ARE LENGTHY DELAYS AT AIRPORTS MAKING YOU RETHINK YOUR TRAVEL PLANS?”

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Discussions

Secrets That Sell

HGTV’s “Secrets That Sell” hosts **DONNA AND SHANNON FREEMAN** were online Thursday to offer advice on what it really takes to sell a home in today’s market.

What small improvements can you make to increase the value of your home and see a decent return on investment?

Paint is a very good investment ... looks good, freshens smell. Make sure you pick a very neutral color. Another small improvement is curb appeal. With the mar-

ket as it is now, we want prospective buyers to drive by and look at your home and hope that is the one for sale. As far as return on investment, put money in the kitchen and master bath first.

Where do I get the biggest bang for my buck — putting new siding on the house or redoing the bathrooms?

Without seeing your house, I would say put it into the bathrooms. A bathroom remodel is overwhelming to a buyer and they will appreciate that work being done for them prior to move-in.

What should a seller focus on in improving in kitchen and baths when trying to make a sale if a full-scale

renovation is not in the budget?

Floors and countertops are always a good bet. Paint on cabinets can be a miracle; new drawer pulls add so much for so little money. Add a new faucet to make it bright and shiny.

Should the inside of every home for sale be neutral?

Calm, lovely and interesting colors to one person are horrid to the next person. Colors are just risky because buyers are so influenced by them.

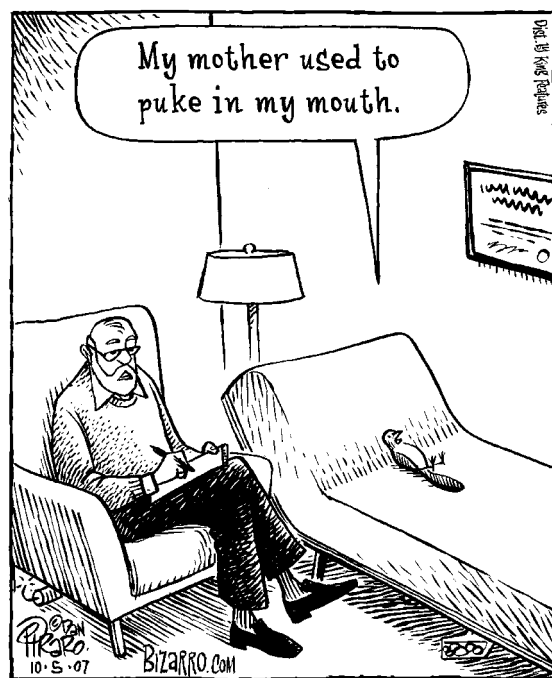
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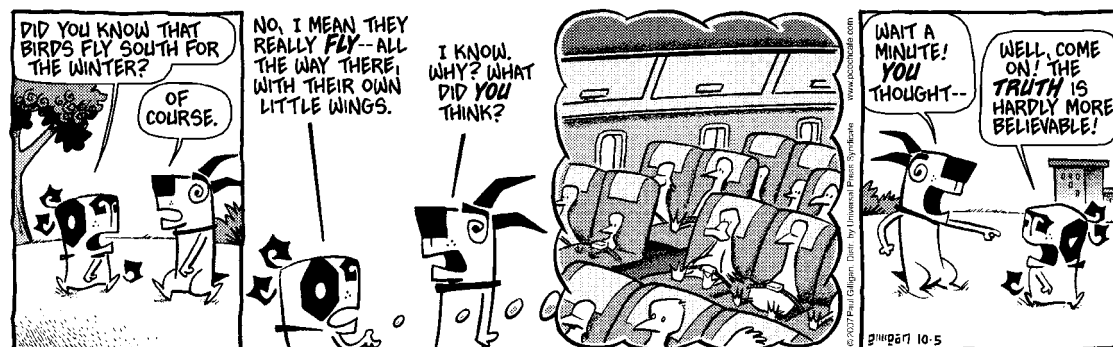


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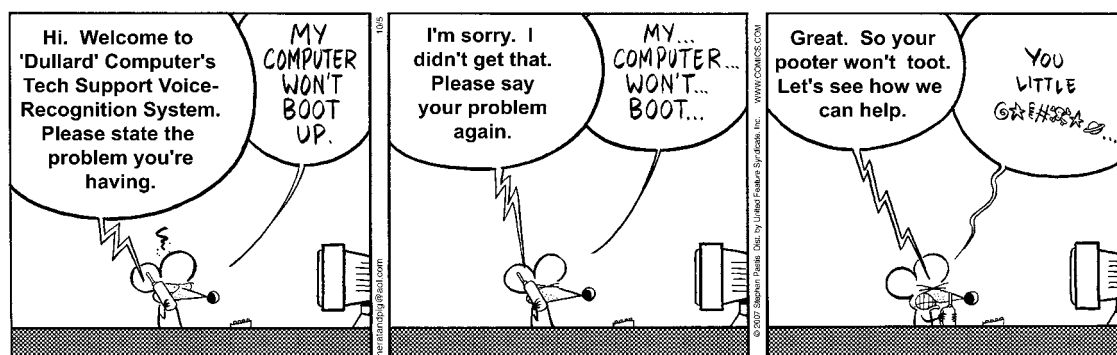


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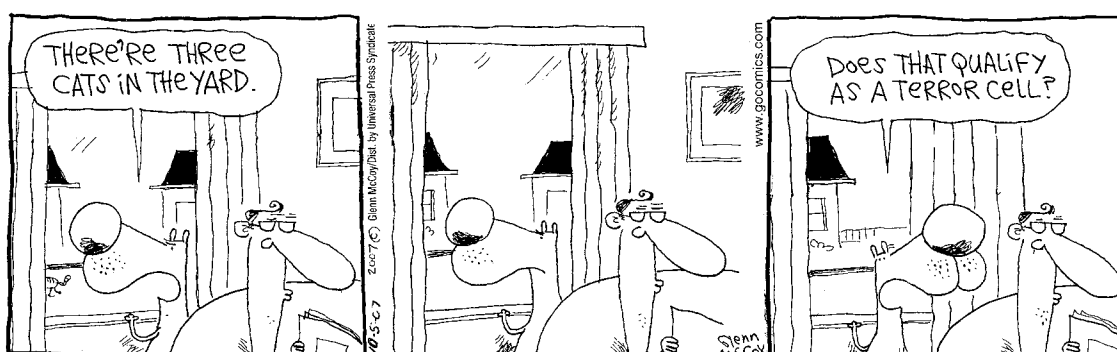
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Even the subtlest changes can have far-reaching and long-term effects at this time. Don't hesitate to do those things that instincts prompt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Follow your instincts and you'll surely avoid a major pitfall that has claimed so many others in the recent past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Spend time out of doors and you will be able to come to a few important conclusions about both the past and the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be faced with a deadline that you cannot possibly meet without making some special arrangements. Don't hesitate to ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have trouble deciding just what to do in a difficult situation. You have your own and someone else's needs to consider.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll have a lot to talk about once the busy part of the

day has passed. It's important to realize that process itself is paramount.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to encounter someone who knows better how to take care of you than you do. Consider deepening this relationship, if possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If it's equality you're after, you may be disappointed—but you can be satisfied being an underling if you have some authority.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you do on your own is likely to have great value, and you must work hard to advertise your accomplishments so they are acknowledged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may prove one of the most moody of all individuals in the zodiac—thanks to a sudden shift in what is most important to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You mustn't try to be critical; you'll spot flaws as a matter of course, but you needn't go out of your way to point them out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your expectations may have you impatient and eager for a change. Take care you're not overlooking a current opportunity.

Letters

U.S. Must Protect Children

IT IS A DISGRACE that this wealthy country does not provide adequate health insurance for its children ("Bush Vetoes Child Health Bill," Oct. 4)—the citizens of the future—while providing farm subsidies

to farmers already enjoying ample income, and protection for a pharmaceutical industry that robs American citizens of access to health.

The United States is a laughing stock of other developed nations, an example of corruption run amok. Let's save our children, for starters.

—LILLIAN ABENSOHN
Bethesda, Md.

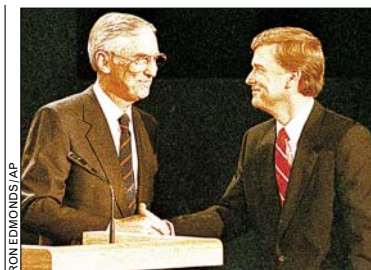
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Today in History

1892 The Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, is practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

1947 President Truman delivers the first televised White House address. (Speaking about a world food crisis, Truman calls on Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry as well as eggs on Thursdays.)

1988 Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasts Republican Dan Quayle during their vice-presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're



Lloyd Bentsen, left, and Dan Quayle shake before their debate in 1988.

no Jack Kennedy."

Correction:

An article in Thursday's Weekend Pass said Tereu Tereu's concert at the Rock and Roll Hotel is Sunday. It's on Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

LOOK

out

People



Tatum is excited to pretend to be famous!

SISTERHOOD

'We're the Same — My Hair Looks Like a Ratty Weave'

Former child star **TATUM O'NEAL** says Britney Spears needs to be in recovery so she can address being a mother. "I relate to her," said O'Neal, who had similar experiences as a young mother. "I did everything... that she doesn't want to do. I did the drug testing. ... It was very humbling. I wanted those kids in my life." (AP)

PUBLICITY

Engagement Fails to Enhance Careers, Breaks



NICK CANNON and Victoria's Secret model Selita Ebanks have broken their engagement. They're "taking a break to focus on their careers but still very much love each other," said Ebanks' publicist. (AP)

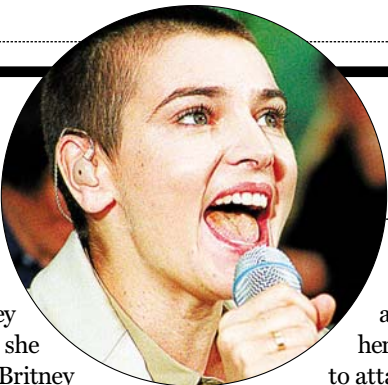


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YOUR TIME WILL COME

Love Her, for Now

AMERICA FERRERA, the Emmy-winning star of "Ugly Betty," is now the Hispanic Woman of the Year, the Hollywood Reporter and Billboard announced Thursday. The publications will honor Ferrera and the 25 most powerful Hispanic women in film, television and music at their inaugural Hispanic Women in Entertainment breakfast. (AP)



SISTERHOOD

'We're the Same, Only She Has a Ratty Weave'

SINÉAD O'CONNOR told Oprah Winfrey on Thursday that she has sympathy for Britney Spears. "She had two babies within the space of two years, [there] doesn't seem like a terrible amount of support from the people around her," O'Connor said. The singer said it seems the media is constantly

People with the same haircut share souls.

watching for Spears to make a mistake raising her children. "I think to attack someone as a mother is very dangerous ... I would say that's what puts a young girl on a precipice which is very, very dangerous, in my opinion. Some people may end up really regretting the way they're treating her." (AP)

THANKS FOR NOTHING

Neither Sinéad Nor Tatum Much Help in This Regard

BRITNEY SPEARS will get to see her two young sons, but the visits will be monitored. In an order released Thursday, a court commissioner granted some visitation rights to Spears, but noted a monitor must



watch her while she's with Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1. The visits will be cut short if the monitor decides any behavior or action by Spears endangers the children. (AP)

AILING

Elder Hanson Hospitalized

ISAAC HANSON, the oldest member of Hanson, remains hospitalized in Dallas after suffering chest pain following a performance. A Dallas TV station is reporting that Hanson has a pulmonary embolism, which occurs when a blood clot in the extremities breaks away. (AP)

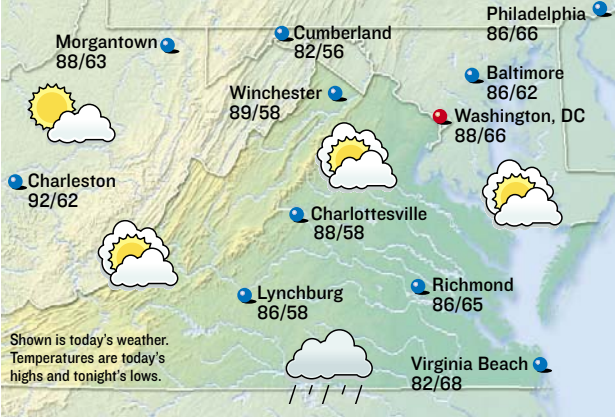


From left: Zac, Isaac and Taylor Hanson.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Foggy early, partly sunny	Mostly clear	Mostly sunny, hot	Partly sunny, very warm, humid	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
88°	66°	90° / 67°	88° / 66°	88° / 68°	89° / 68°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High 84°

Low 69°

Normal high 73°

Normal low 54°

Average humidity 79%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date Trace

Normal month to date 0.46"

Year to date 21.64"

Last year to date 36.19"

Normal year to date 30.51"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, foggy areas early, partly sunny, warm. High 88. Wind southeast 4-8 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 66.

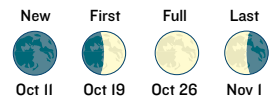
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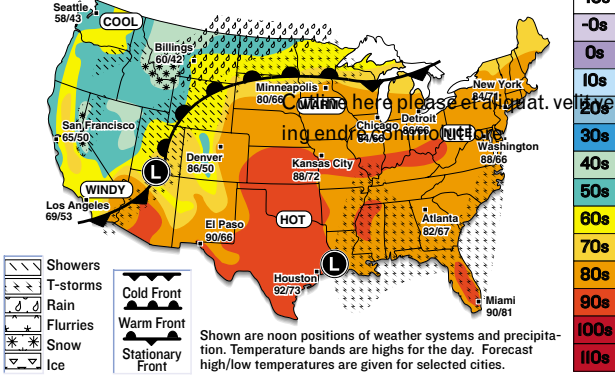
Sunset tonight 6:45 p.m.

Moonrise today 1:25 a.m.

Moonset today 4:16 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, October 5



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	Hi/Lo/W 82/67/pc	78/65/pc
Boston	82/62/s	82/59/pc
Chicago	84/66/pc	84/68/pc
Dallas	91/74/s	90/74/s
Denver	86/50/s	74/38/c
Honolulu	87/75/s	87/75/pc
Los Angeles	69/53/r	75/54/s
Miami	90/81/t	88/81/r
New York City	84/71/pc	86/69/pc
Orlando	89/75/t	89/74/t
Seattle	58/43/pc	54/48/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	Hi/Lo/W 62/46/pc	60/48/pc
Athens	79/69/s	82/69/s
Berlin	58/44/sh	64/45/pc
Buenos Aires	73/61/c	72/61/pc
Calgary	42/31/c	50/36/pc
Dublin	61/46/pc	63/48/pc
Geneva	70/53/c	71/45/c
Moscow	54/45/r	53/45/r
Rome	78/64/pc	73/60/t
Sydney	82/63/s	70/61/pc
Tokyo	73/61/pc	75/61/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

ACROSS

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42 Sound from the pond
44 Locations
46 Club or type of school
47 Mecca
pilgrims (Var.)
49 Clear of vermin
51 "The House of the Seven Gables" locale
53 Medical problem
57 Systematic
60 Fortune-telling cards
61 U.N. workers' grp.
62 Where baseball stars get their start
64 C&W composer Davis
65 Become slippery, in winter
66 Three feet plus, to a Brit
67 Sort or type
68 Times in office
69 Infections

DOWN

1 Underworld

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 33 1969 music
 festival
 35 PC key
 38 Indian ruler
 40 Cylindrical and
 tapered
 43 Computer
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 45 Muslim greetings
 48 Play the
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58 Israeli flyer
59 Pal or
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EDITED BY TIMOTHY E. PARKER

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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

[illegible][illegible]

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Yesterday's Solution

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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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face^{Q+A}time

■ **Hate overachievers?** Then don't hang out with Isaac Mizrahi. In addition to producing budget clothing for Target, the impish New Yorker has a couture line for Bergdorf Goodman and hosts the Style Network show "Isaac." He recently did makeovers on the eight winners of Weight Watchers' 2007 Inspiring Stories of the Year contest.

What was most fun about doing these makeovers?

It's going to sound so "Up With People," but I was a fat kid, and when I lost weight, I remember what it was like. I needed outside intervention!

So what kind of tricks did you use?

Diana Vreeland said it's all about the shoes and hair, and it really is all about that. So we worked with colorists, cleaned up their hair. And shoes — the higher the heel, the taller and thinner the line.

What's the key to feeling comfy and stylish in what you're wearing?

Ask yourself who you're dressing for. And if you're looking to be taken seriously, don't do that low-cut halter or wear pasties.

Do any styles flatter all women?

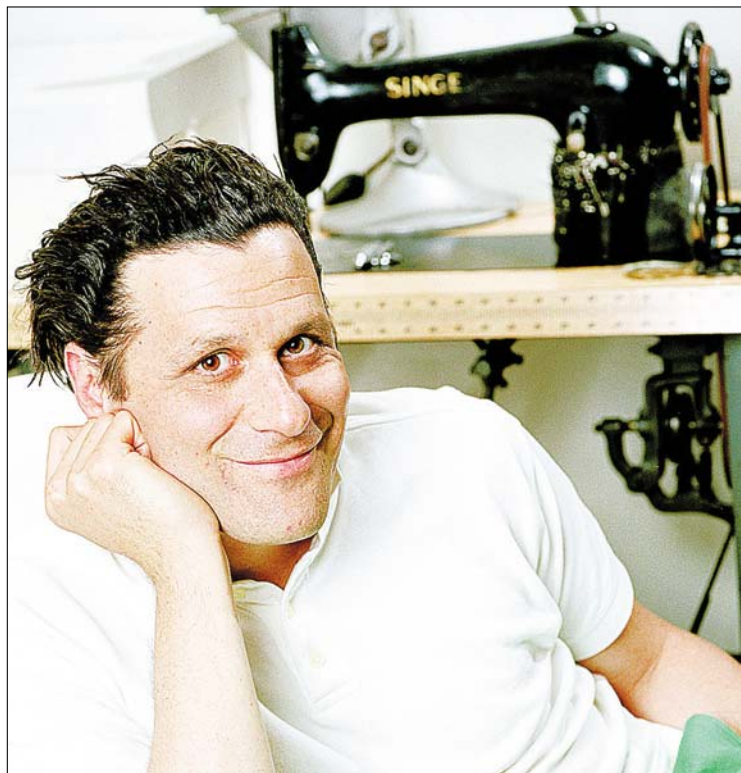
I think a girl's best friend is the Empire waist, and right now is such a big time for that.

Should full-figured women avoid bright colors?

It depends on the person. Some people have a tolerance for looking curvy and they want to play it up. But if you're conservative and don't want to call too much attention to yourself, wear a colored blouse with a dark blazer over it. That kills a lot of birds.

Anything everyone should avoid?

If you're showing your midriff, you're 10 years too late. And you have to have a really good body to wear really tight jeans. They look great on a girl who is 24.



JIM COPPER/AP

Isaac Mizrahi

DESIGNER, TV HOST, WEIGHT WATCHER

What about dudes? How can they dress skinny?

Here's the secret: Matching things. You're never going to look thinner than in a suit. It matches, and it's one line.

What are you wearing these days?

I'm now dressing as a man, as opposed to a boy. I'm never going

to be one of those androgynous girl-boys. I just took off about five pounds on Weight Watchers, so I'm liking my old size again. For a while, I wore my 36-inch-waist pants ironically around my hips. I also have this wonderful navy cashmere blazer of my own making from last fall.

How do you do the Weight

"I'm never going to be one of those androgynous girl-boys."

Watchers thing with your lifestyle?

I'm a Zen master of their points system. I know how many points there are in foie gras. And during the week, I try not to go for bread or alcohol. And I always have my small cup of Tastee Delight.

Any faves in your Target line now?

There are lots of tweeds and cropped box jackets that look very good. I'm also liking longer skirts as well as shorter ones. The thing at the knee is gone to me at the moment. I also think gloves look really fresh.

You also design for the home, both items for Target and a line of upholstery fabric. What's that like?

It's fun. The personality of a couch is very different from that of a person. A couch doesn't think it looks too old or too fat.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



Camping With Kids

What are the ingredients for a perfect fall family adventure? Find out in today's Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: A chat with Brad Pitt. A sneak peek inside D.C.'s new Madame Tussauds. Plus, what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section.

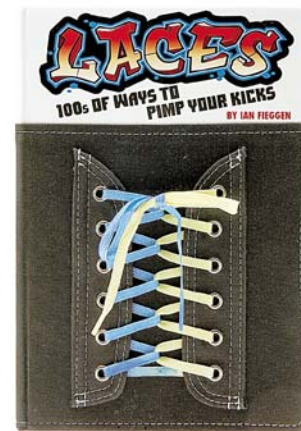
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Grab Bag

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Your Lace Or Mine?



"LACES" IS A STUPENDOUS BARGAIN. For \$15, you get a crazy fold-out spiral binding, four shoelaces and 192 pages of instructions on lacing methods, knots (author Ian Fieggen invents 'em) and other know-how. Some patterns are utilitarian — paratroopers use the Ladder — and some are weird (the Pentagon). Most are cute without being childish. An entire chapter is even devoted to aglets, the stiff sleeves on the ends of laces!

Baby's First Trendy Design

BLUE AND DORA MIGHT RULE little ones' hearts, but must their moms suffer blinding cartoon colors in the nursery, too? Amenity Home's new collection of organic cotton pillows, wall prints and crib bedding (\$40-\$130, Amenityhome.com) introduces shorties to sweet wildlife (rabbits, turtles, deer) in soothing, earthy hues. They may not appreciate the more grown-up willow-branch pattern, but who cares? They're babies.

Have a Green Day

"TOP MODEL" went eco-chic, and so can you at this weekend's Green Festival (Greenfestivals.org). Stop by the Convention Center to sample organic munchies and shop for recycled goods (like the Preserve plates and toiletries pictured), while hoping Tyra wanders by.



We Blush Over Blush

NARS MAKES a multi-purpose makeup stick called The Multiple for eyes, cheeks, lips, etc. One of the most famous blushes in makeup history (did you know that's a major at Harvard?) is Nars' peachy-pink Orgasm. We are thus suprised The Multiple in Orgasm (\$36.50, Sephora) has not come along sooner.

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4 Spice Up A Steak

NOT CONTENT WITH TV SHOWS and eateries, spice-loving chef Bobby Flay is now lending his name to a line of hot sauces and rubs (\$6-\$10, Bobbyflay.com). The ketchupy, surprisingly mild steak potions were a bit underwhelming, but the Habanero Mango Hot Sauce tasted sweet and smoky on grilled chicken.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm going to Paris soon and, as I'm no longer the tireless young woman I was when I last visited, I need super fantastic walking shoes. —KENNA

■ Manolo says, this story is so common: Many years ago, when you were young and lithe, you cavorted about Europe in high-heeled Mary Janes and bright-red stilettos, your youthful feet able to recover from whatever indignities you inflicted upon them.

Now you walk down the block at lunchtime to get your customary tuna hoagie, Snapple and lottery ticket, and



your feet curse you. "Ayyyyy!" they scream, "You are killing us with your addiction to the Powerball Pick-Six! You should be satisfied with the office football pool and something from the vending machine, you harridan." And so you are not looking forward to that moment when you will announce to them your plans for the walking tour of the Seventh Arrondissement.

But, fear not, for the Manolo suggests to you the AAA from the Donald Pliner (\$152, Zappos.com) in the black silk elastic. This is the good basic shoe, one that is said to be exceedingly comfortable and yet would look very stylish with the pants.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Katje wears a J. Crew blazer (\$250), R.J. Graziano's leather pin (\$65, 212-685-1248), striped sweater (\$170, Sherman Pickey, 1647 Wisconsin Ave. NW) and headband (\$10, ae.com). Hair and makeup by Victoria Stiles, T.H.E. Artist Agency, using Yaby Cosmetics (yabycosmetics.com). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

Styles | fashion



PLAID GIRLS
Betsey Johnson's patent and tartan hobo is an A-plus everyday bag for the casual co-ed. (\$68, Betsey Johnson, Tyson's Galleria; 703-442-3940)



HAVE A FIELD DAY
Nothing says fresh, all-American jock more than the striped rugby shirt. Perhaps don your alma mater's colors? (in six colors, \$34.50, American Eagle, ae.com)

DIAMOND JUBILEE
If argyle seems a tad too dapper, simply take it in small doses. (\$18, Nana, 1528 U St. NW; 202-667-6955)

PENCIL SHARPENER
This figure-flattering tweed pencil skirt is far too sophisticated for an undergrad. Play up the grown-up look with pearls. (\$167, Nana)

LONG DISTANCE
B.B. Dakota's lengthy varsity sweater is textbook with a pleated skirt and fitted turtle-neck. Short of torso? Wear it over leggings. (\$75, 773-404-5826, Akirachicago.com)

LESSON PLAN
Jumper (\$335, Reiss, 1254 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-944-8565), blouse (\$185, Reiss), tie (\$95, Sherman Pickey, 1647 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4212), knee socks (\$22, Juicy Couture, Tysons Galleria; 571-633-1751), shoes (\$325, Reiss)



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Class Acts

It's the influence of TV's newest guilty pleasure, "Gossip Girl," or just a nostalgic return to prep school, but this fall, students of fashion are taking their cues from the classroom. Inspired by Ivy League New England prep schoolers, designers are studying up on iconic pieces; expect to see short plaid skirts, structured blazers and patent-leather Mary Janes on girls of every social class. But avoid taking the trend too far (for one thing, you might end up on the outs with your classmates). With Halloween right around the corner, you don't want your outfit to be mistaken for a naughty schoolgirl costume. Keep it demure, and try not to wear the penny loafers, pleated skirt and sweater vest all at the same time. Your homework: To incorporate just a few elements into your own post-graduate uniform. **BY ASHLEY JOY PARKER**



CAPE ABOUT TOWN

Few garments would top off an Upper East Side ensemble quite as well as this whimsical toggled corduroy cape. (\$220, [Dakotamartin.com](#))

ARGYLE BEGUILLES

A sweater vest can scream WASP. So wear a blouse in a fun color beneath; roll up the sleeves and leave the top buttons undone. (\$98, [Sherman Pickey](#))



COAT YOUR ARMS

The lion rampant on this cashmere scarf would look regal with dark-wash jeans or classic khakis and cherry ballet flats. (\$160, [Jcrew.com](#))

A SWEET RIDE

Dakota Martin's equestrian-sque blazer is comfy-cozy with jeans and flat knee boots. Suggested accessories: cashmere scarf, helmet, riding top, horse. (\$220, [Dakotamartin.com](#))



SLEEVE A MESSAGE

A sporty stripe and a wise owl lend this classic cardigan a cheeky Ivy League vibe. Give it a modern twist with skinny jeans and high-heeled brown boots. (\$188, [Jcrew.com](#))

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Party Like the Pros

'Top Chef' culinary aces share soiree tips and tricks

Throwing a dinner party is a bit like being on Bravo's "Top Chef." There might not be a camera crew crammed into your kitchen, but there's time pressure, budget constraints, seemingly arbitrary dietary restrictions mandated by your panel of judges — sorry, friends — and, of course, you want to end the night feeling like a winner.

On this past Wednesday's live season finale, Hung Huynh grabbed the title after a showdown in which his only flaw was a molten chocolate cake that didn't jibe perfectly with the rest of his exquisite courses.

The likelihood you'll ever serve a meal that good is slim, especially sans Huynh's years of training at the Culinary Institute of America. But even without the awe-inspiring duck with truffle-scented broth and mushroom ragout, Huynh can amaze a table. And he knows you can, too, with the right guidance.

So Huynh and runners-up Dale Levitski and Brian Malarkey (Casey Thompson was too busy to chat) are here to provide you with their secret recipes for home entertaining. If they can whip up grub to satisfy Miami club-hoppers, honest-to-goodness cowboys and even ice-queen judge Padma Lakshmi, they can certainly also handle the crowd that comes to your parties.

The key when planning an event at home, says Malarkey, is to aim for a meal that's tasty but not too time-consuming. So while his scallops, shrimp and seabass sausage with ginger slaw and chili glaze snagged him an early challenge win, it's way too much work for a let-loose affair.

For personal shindigs, he likes throwing a West Coast clam-bake. "Think clams, oysters and mussels in lemon and garlic, and a nice toasted bread to get the



Winner Hung Huynh, left, agrees with Dale Levitski, right, that details matter.

juices up," he says. Crack open a Sauvignon Blanc (he likes Oyster Bay), and you can just enjoy the rest of the night.

Speed is also a plus when it comes to Huynh's favorite party platter: BBQ pork chops. "You just chop up some lemongrass and toss them in soy sauce," he explains. "That's something you can put together in 10 minutes." The Vietnamese-born chef urges folks to buy an Asian cookbook for quick and healthy recipes, and to switch from corporate supermarkets to Asian grocery stores, which are often more likely to carry unprocessed food at cheaper prices, along with some unusual produce and meats.

Experimenting with new recipes and ingredients can be a good way to blow minds, but it isn't always the best policy. "It could be risky because you could waste a lot of food," Huynh admits.

It also helps to gauge how out-there your guests are willing to go before trying anything adventurous. Malarkey's most disastrous meal was when he offered to make Thanksgiving dinner for his family, then decided to give it an authen-

tic Pilgrim twist. As he set down platters of wild rice, sage-rubbed turkey and fry bread, he was greeted with sad stares. "They wanted mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce out of a can," he says.

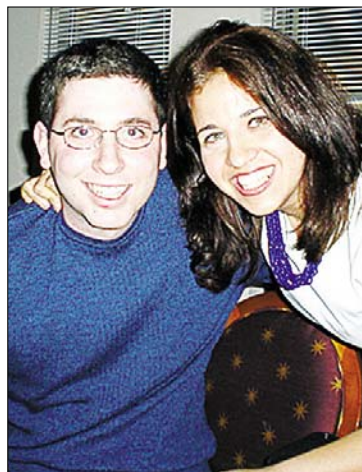
But whether you're sticking to comfort classics or nouveau cuisine, you're more likely to wow guests if you take your seasoning seriously, says Levitski. His favorite ingredient to give marinades a kick? Sriracha chili sauce. "But you have to be careful. A little bit goes a long way," he cautions. And although taste is paramount, don't forget about looks. Even a simple meal can astound when plated elegantly and given a little garnish for flair.

Concern with appearances should extend beyond the china place settings, he adds. Every party deserves a theme and corresponding tiny details to show extra care. "I like printed-out menus with rose petals embedded in them," Levitski says. "I just go crazy decorating the table. It puts people in a great mood."

And that'll make for a lovely evening, even if it's not the stuff of reality TV. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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Ariel Herman, Amy Levine

Ariel, 27, is an administrative officer at the National Institutes of Health. Amy, 27, works as a certificate program coordinator at the NTL Institute. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** A traditional Jewish wedding ceremony on Oct. 21 in Scottsdale, Ariz. "There will be lots of singing and dancing."
- **How They Met:** Drinking margaritas at Lauriol Plaza.
- **First Date:** More margaritas at Lauriol

Plaza. "I dared him to taste the hot pepper," says Amy. "Instead, I sprayed it in his eye." "She appeared to be one who loved to create awkward situations," says Ariel.

■ **How He Proposed:** In Napa Valley. Ariel asked Amy to open a bottle of wine, on which the label said, "Chateau Herman, Established October 25, 2006; Amy Levine Will You Marry Me?"

■ **When She Knew:** After they had been dating for three weeks, Amy visited her ailing great-aunt. Ariel called to check in. After Aunt Ida chatted with him, she turned to Amy and said, "He definitely loves you." Ida passed away two weeks later, "but it was her dream to approve of whoever I married," says Amy. "I guess she got her wish and I thank her for her wise insight."

■ **With an Unlimited Budget:** "We'd send our parents on a fabulous vacation to thank them for all they have done for us," says the couple.

"From our first date I knew she was something special."



Crash Into Me

Nothing epitomizes "till death do us part" like a smashed-up Volkswagen convertible. TYLER MORELL knew he'd found his bride-to-be when "she totalled my car and we didn't fight." Instead, he proposed to KATIE O'BRIEN the next day. "We wandered around our neighborhood, minorly concussed, and he knelt down in front of this kooky tree at the base of the Capitol," recalls Katie.

On Oct. 7, "Bear" (Tyler) and "Boopsie" (Katie) will exchange vows at St. Ann by the Sea Parish in Marshfield, Mass. A Celtic unity candle ceremony and an Irish wedding toast by Katie's brother will reflect the couple's heritage. Forget signing a snooty guest book: Guests get to ham it up in a photobooth during the reception. What's that about a wedding singer? "My father is insisting on singing," says Katie. "Which has opened up a slew of entertainers in both our families. It could very easily turn into an open-mic situation."

Katie, 28, is an art director at Fleishman-Hillard. Tyler, 26, is a Georgetown graduate student. They live in Capitol Hill.

Katherine Daly, Benjamin Jordan-Downs

Kate, 28, is director of the Easter Seals Child Development Center. Ben, 30, is an architect for the Architect of the Capitol. They live on Capitol Hill.

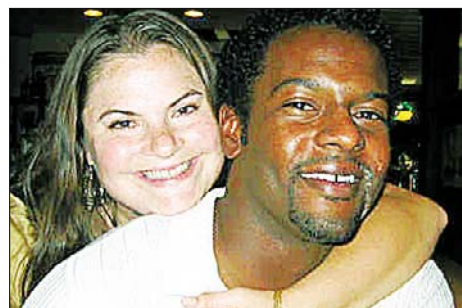
- **The Main Event:** Their Oct. 20 ceremony in Columbus, Ohio, will incorporate Armenian, Irish and African-American elements. "I'll be wearing some red in my dress," says Kate. "In Armenia, brides traditionally wear red."

We'll be jumping the broom as well."

■ **How They Met:**

Both were volunteering at a Columbus Crew game. "While running around taking care of game-day duties, Katie and I were able to say hello and catch each other's eye," says Ben.

■ **First Impressions:** "He was shy at first, but there was just something about him that made me want to know more," says Kate. Ben remembers her



"honey brown-colored eyes, freckles and Mediterranean features."

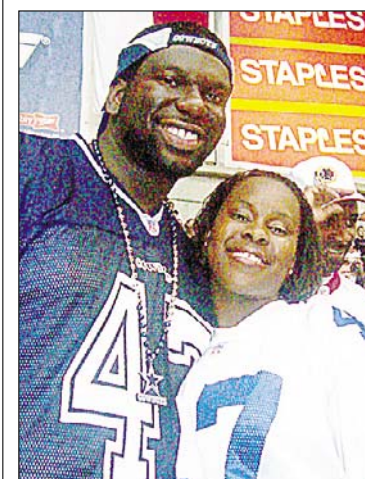
■ **First Date:** A dinner at a Brio Tuscan Grille in Columbus.

■ **How He Proposed:** At Ben's house, unwinding after Memorial Day weekend in 2006. Kate was on the couch when Ben "started playing with my hair and saying how much he loved me," Kate says. "My brain started to overheat."

■ **When He Knew:** Kate drove three hours to pick up Ben after his car's clutch went kaput.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Over a piece of chicken wing flying off my plate and making the tiniest stain on his shorts!"

■ **Their Song:** "Never Felt This Way" by Brian McKnight. "This is the only time I have ever loved someone this intensely," says Kate.



Kawana Cohen, Ogbonna Hopkins

Kawana, 28, is a biologist at the Environmental Protection Agency. Ogbonna, 29, works for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as an operations manager. They live in Landover.

■ **The Main Event:** A traditional ceremony in Bensalem, Penn., on Oct. 20, with Ogbonna's father officiating. The bridal party will walk down the aisle to D'Angelo's "Heaven."

■ **How They Met:** A friend invited Kawana out for drinks with her co-workers — one of whom was Ogbonna.

■ **First Impressions:** "She's a juicy queen!" says Ogbonna. Kawana thought, "This guy is goofy!"

■ **First Date:** Cafe Asia, the day after they met. "The food was so good, Bonna stood up and started clapping at the end of the meal."

"In a pair of thermals, shorts and a striped polo shirt, he asked me to be his wife."

■ **How He Proposed:** On a New Year's Eve ski trip — which was actually a surprise engagement party. "I was shocked," Kawana recalls. "In sweatpants and an oversized T-shirt, I said 'yes.'"

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "I got mad because she found my contact after a minute when I had been searching for 45 minutes on the floor," says Ogbonna. "She didn't even have to bend down."

■ **When He Knew:** "I was beatboxing in the shower and I heard her in the other room singing the same song!"



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